

CPN now dispatching home for Pott. County 911

The ink is dry and the deal is sealed, with the Pottawatomie County Enhanced 911 Authority and Citizen Potawatomi Nation finalizing an agreement that will see the Tribal police headquarters become the new home for the Pottawatomie County emergency dispatch center.

“This agreement saves money for Pottawatomie County’s first responders from as far north as the Pottawatomie County Sheriff’s Office to the Asher Police Department,” explained Tribal Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett after the official signing ceremony. “It’s the right thing to do. We all live in the county together and CPN has the ability to provide the service that our members and neighbors will benefit from.”

Pottawatomie County’s 911 authority, like many around the country that rely on taxes from landline telephone users, has felt the decline in revenue as cell phones become more prevalent. The state legislature’s unwillingness to raise taxes on cell phone plans that might help fund these essential operations has resulted in increasing budget constraints for the dispatch system. Discussions for a merged center based out of the City of Shawnee Police Department dragged on for



County 911 Trust Chairman J.R. Kidney and CPN Tribal Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett sign the agreement.

years, with both sides unable to come to an agreement.

In February 2015, Tribal Chairman Barrett proposed that CPN could cover the system’s estimated \$350,000 budget and would hire the current dispatchers on as Tribal employees while the Tribe would adapt county-set call protocols. “The people will be taken care of,”

said Dr. Jim Collard, chief of the CPN Tribal Police Department. “No other emergency service will pay a nickel to be dispatched from our call center, which means they can put the funds towards serving and protecting the people of Pottawatomie County and their respective communities.”

The Pottawatomie County 911 Trust will pay CPN from the revenue on fees from landline, wireless and Internet calls for services, while a portion of the county’s current one cent sales tax will fund County 911 Director Tommy Arnold’s salary.

The agreement between CPN and the county 911 system trust authority has an initial five year term, and an automatic renewal clause, with a one year notice for early termination.

While some critics of the agreement had hoped for a unified call center to be based in the Shawnee Police Department, the overwhelming support from the county’s first

responders in support of CPN’s proposal was impactful. The presence of two call centers also provides the county with a backup 911 dispatching service should the worst happen.


“As we’ve experienced in recent years with severe weather, having two, geographically separated 911 dispatch centers is more efficient in the long run. If one center happens to be hit by a tornado, or experiences a technical glitch, the county’s first responders still have a secondary way to communicate with the communities if we have two systems,” explained Dr. Collard.

Construction on expanding the CPN Tribal Police Dispatch Center is already underway, with crews laying new walls and cement at the location next to FireLake Discount Foods. Officially, the agreement specifies the switch took place on May 31, though current 911 dispatching will continue from the trust’s Tecumseh location until the CPN expansion is completed in August.



Work has begun on the CPN PD extensions.

Vietnam Veteran Banquet Application



The July 15, 2015 deadline for the Vietnam Veteran Banquet is quickly approaching, fill out the application now to attend!

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Discounted landline phone service available for Native Americans

A program available through the Federal Communications Commission is ensuring eligible low-income Native Americans across the country access to the nation's communications networks. Whether it is used to contact emergency services, connect with a future employer or stay in touch with home-bound loved ones, the Lifeline program through the federal Universal Service Fund is there to help.

On tribal lands across the U.S., telephone subscribership is lowest in the country. Link Up, another federal benefit program, reduces the initial installation or activation fees of certain telephone providers offering service on tribal lands.

Tribal Lands Lifeline provides a monthly discount of up to \$34.25 off of the cost of telephone service, either wireline or wireless. This discount is currently \$9.25 (which is available to all eligible low-income subscribers across the United States) plus up to an additional \$25 (which is available only to eligible low-income subscribers living on Tribal lands.) This discount may vary somewhat from state to state.

Tribal Lands Link Up provides qualified subscribers living on tribal lands with a one-time discount of up to \$100 on the initial installation or activation of a wireline or wireless telephone for the primary residence. Tribal Lands Link Up also enables subscribers to pay the remaining amount that they owe on a deferred schedule, interest-free.

Federal rules prohibit qualifying low-income consumers from receiving more than one Tribal Lands Lifeline service at the same time. Low-income subscribers who qualify may receive a Tribal Lands



A Lifeline is just a phone call away.

Lifeline discount on either a home telephone or a wireless telephone service, but may not receive a Lifeline discount on both services at the same time. Additionally, only one Tribal Lands Lifeline service may be obtained per household.

Similarly, federal rules prohibit qualifying low-income consumers from receiving more than one Tribal Lands Link Up discount at a primary residence. Low-income consumers who qualify may receive a Tribal Lands Link Up discount on installation or activation charges associated with either wireline or wireless telephone service, but may not receive a Link Up discount on both services at the same time.

Do I Qualify for Lifeline Discounts?

The Lifeline program is available to eligible low-income subscribers in every state, territory, commonwealth, and on tribal lands. To participate in the program, subscribers must either have an income that is at or below 135 percent of the federal Poverty Guidelines or

participate in one of the following assistance programs:

- [Medicaid](#);
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (Food Stamps or SNAP);
- [Supplemental Security Income](#) (SSI);
- [Federal Public Housing Assistance](#) (Section 8);
- [Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program](#) (LIHEAP);
- [Temporary Assistance to Needy Families](#) (TANF);
- [National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program](#);
- [Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance](#);
- [Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families](#) (TTANF);
- [Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations](#) (FDPIR);
- [Head Start](#) (if income eligibility criteria are met); or
- State assistance programs (if applicable).

How Do I Enroll? Apply for Lifeline through a Lifeline Program provider in your state or designated

state agency. To locate a Lifeline provider in your state go to www.lifelinesupport.org.

How Do I Verify My Eligibility?

Subscribers may be required to certify and provide documentation to prove that the subscriber, or a member of the subscriber's household, including dependents, participates in a qualifying program OR meets the income qualifications for Lifeline eligibility.

Do I Need to Reconfirm My Eligibility Every Year?

Yes, every year. Once you are enrolled in Lifeline, you must recertify your continued eligibility on an annual basis. You will be contacted by your service provider to reconfirm that you remain eligible.

How is Household Defined for Purposes of the Lifeline Program?

A "household" is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses.

Can I report Lifeline fraud?

Yes. The FCC's Enforcement Bureau maintains a **dedicated Lifeline Fraud Tip Line –1-855-4LL-TIPS (or 1-855-455-8477)**, and an email address, Lifelinetips@fcc.gov – to facilitate reporting of possible fraud in the program.

What if I need to know more?

To find more information about eligibility and how to apply for Lifeline and Link Up benefits, visit www.lifelinesupport.org, call USAC's toll-free number (1-888-641-8722), call the FCC's toll-free customer service number at (1-888-CALL-FCC), or contact a Lifeline Program provider in your state.

POTAWATOMI GATHERING BUS TRIP

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will provide free bus travel to the Annual "Gathering of the Nations" for tribal members and their immediate families. A chartered bus will leave the Potawatomi Nation headquarters, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive in Shawnee, at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2015. The bus will leave the Gathering on Sunday, August 16, 2015 to arrive back in Shawnee the afternoon of Monday, August 17, 2015.

A \$50 per passenger refundable deposit is required. Tribal members who attend the Gathering will be responsible for their own food, lodging, and incidentals expenses.

To reserve a seat on the bus or obtain more information, please call Cathie Hanson at 275-3121 x 1434 or 800-880-9880. You may also send an email to chanson@potawatomi.org.



July 29 town hall to raise awareness on Alzheimer's and dementia

According to the Alzheimer's Association, more than five million Americans live with Alzheimer's disease. With such a prevalent disease, CPN Health Services is working to inform both potential patients and family members of those at risk of its signs, treatments and options in dealing with it.

On July 29, 2015 at 11 a.m., the Title VI elders program will host a town hall meeting to raise public awareness about Alzheimer's and dementia inside their room at the CPN Wellness Center.

SSN/Title VI Coordinator Tami Fleeman, RN, sat down with the *Hownikan* to discuss the disease and the upcoming town hall meeting.

What is the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia?

"Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia. Dementia is a syndrome and Alzheimer's is most likely the cause of that syndrome. Dementia is significant memory problems along with at least one cognitive difficulty, such as language, problem solving, attention span, judgment and others.

"It might help to think of dementia as a fever. It is a symptom of something else. Some causes can be reversible such as thyroid conditions, certain

deficiencies, reactions to medications or overmedication. But some, like Alzheimer's, are degenerative diseases that can't be stopped.

"Symptoms can be slowed sometimes with medications but at present there is no medication available to stop the progression of the disease. It slowly takes away who people are afflicted and can turn them into people their families aren't familiar with anymore. It is a devastating disease."

Who will be at the town hall on Alzheimer's/dementia?

"It will be open to any Native American interested in sharing or learning more about the condition. Professor Dr. Thomas Teasdale, Professor of Education at the University of Oklahoma, will attend along with informal speakers we have selected."

Why is something like holding a town hall important? What are people going to be able to take away from it?

"We are hoping that it will show people they are not in a unique situation; that many other people have been where they are or are currently dealing with someone they know having these conditions.

"The same feelings they are



Facing Alzheimer's doesn't need to be an isolating situation; there are others out there who are dealing with the disease.

experiencing, whether it is hopelessness or anger, they have been felt by other people as well. Dealing with this can be very isolating."

What are some topics or strategies, in terms of how to deal with or address a loved one diagnosed with one of these diseases, that will be discussed?

"The format will be to have several speakers who have dealt with family or friends who have had Alzheimer's. They will tell their stories about what it was like, whether they are funny or sad.

"Comments or questions will be taken. It is very informal and can be very emotional. As I said, people can feel very isolated dealing with this. But it's important to have this dialogue so we can help individuals break out of this isolated feeling."

If you or someone you know would be interested in attending the CPN Title VI town hall on July 29 and are a member of a federally registered Native American tribe, please contact Tami Fleeman at 405-214-5111.

Potawatomi reputation grows as FireLake Arena hosts ITEMC Summit

Tribal emergency management teams from across Oklahoma made their way to FireLake Arena in early June for the eighth annual Inter-Tribal Emergency Management Coalition Summit.

Founded in 2004, ITEMC is a collaboration of emergency management professionals from 22 Oklahoma tribes who address local, state and national hazard preparedness. In addition to tribal emergency management personnel, ITEMC also counts fellow Oklahoma-based emergency management agencies like the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Oklahoma Department of Health and the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management as partners.

"Our mission is to prepare for and minimize the effects of all kinds of disasters, from chemical, biological, technological or act of God," said CPN Emergency Management Director Tim Zientek. "Summits like this are key in our preparations in mitigating impacts of these disasters when they occur and to our work in response and recovery efforts in their aftermath."

Zientek, who also serves as ITEMC



Emergency Management Director Tim Zientek

chairman, organized this year's summit and knew the large-scale event needed a large scale venue.

"The arena can accommodate up to 5,000 people and Tim Zientek reached out to us to help host the summit," said FireLake Arena Director Tracy Peltier. "We just

wanted to help out as much as we could and show the community that events like this are available here."

During the three-day event, attendees discuss the latest techniques to use during emergency and disaster situations. Emergency management experts from around the country give

presentations on the latest topics and best practices in disaster mitigation and response. Attendees use the three-day summit as an opportunity to get everyone in the same location to discuss their own situations and those occurring across the country. In many instances, strategies in coordinating with a partner agency at the state and federal level will be carried on to a different tribal emergency response department in another part of Oklahoma when the worst happens.

"It's been a delightful endeavor to have this event at FireLake Arena and for the wonderful hospitality that Firelake Discount Foods showed in catering the event," said Zientek. "We've hosted this summit at our two great venues, FireLake Arena and the Grand Event Center, and our hospitality and reputation as a Tribe is growing."

If you would like to learn more about ITEMC and its events, please visit their website at www.itemc.org. For information on hosting an event at FireLake Arena, please call (405) 273-1637.

CHC’s Dr. Mosteller writes on CPN experience in new book about British colonialism

Between her normal duties as director of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center and responsibilities in overseeing the museum’s reconstruction from damages sustained in the 2014 flood, Dr. Kelli Mosteller recently featured as a contributor to a newly published book about the British Empire’s impact on indigenous communities.

The book, “Indigenous Communities and Settler Colonialism: Land Holding, Loss and Survival in an Interconnected World,” is part of the Cambridge Imperial & Post-Colonial Studies series published by Palgrave Macmillan.

Two years ago Dr. Mosteller was approached by Alan Lester, a professor of historic geography at the University of Sussex in the U.K., and one of the book’s editors. He asked if she would be interested in contributing to the book.

For Dr. Mosteller, it is important that Native experiences of imperialism, colonialism and dispossession are told from a Native perspective.

“Far too often the history of settler colonialism focuses on the settlers and the policies they used to displace indigenous peoples without exploring the

responses and lived experiences of those communities,” explained Mosteller. “I was pleased to see the story of the Potawatomi included in this collection. It allows the reader to see how we fit into a larger picture of indigenous communities contending with settler colonialism.”

Dr. Mosteller’s contribution is one of two chapters that address settler colonialism in the United States. In it, Dr. Mosteller explains how the Potawatomi in Kansas responded to the federal government’s policies of allotment and assimilation.

“I begin with the Potawatomi’s removal from the Great Lakes to our reservation in Kansas,” she said. “I then look at the allotment of that reservation, examining both the government’s motives and the resulting consequences of the policy, both intentional and unintentional, for the Tribal members who were subject to it. I wanted the reader to have a better understanding of the Potawatomi responses to the federal land and removal policies that constantly impacted their lives.”

Lastly, Dr. Mosteller provided the editors a photo that was taken on the Potawatomi Reservation in Kansas, which they ended up using for the front cover of the book.

“I am honored to have a chapter



Dr. Kelli Mosteller

included in this book and to represent the Citizen Potawatomi Nation,” said Dr. Mosteller.

To learn more about the book, visit tinyurl.com/CPNSettlerColonialism.

Running water helps Dale Schools upgrade and expand

It has been just more than five years since Dale, Okla. first welcomed flowing, treated water from Pottawatomie County Rural Water District 3. Although the community as a whole has benefited from having treated water, the school system has been impacted the most.

Dale Public Schools, which serves kindergarten through the twelfth grade, had long been unable to build new facilities or update existing ones prior to 2009 because the town lacked the necessary water pressure for fire suppression systems like water sprinklers, which are required by law in new construction projects.

Dale superintendent Charles Dickinson said that improvements have been made since the school system has had access to water sources with increased pressure from Rural Water District 3, including the construction of a new cafeteria, which also serves as the storm shelter for the school and town of Dale.

“We had to have the water



Dale Public Schools was able to build the new cafeteria after hooking into Rural Water District 3.

pressure in order to construct this building,” said Dickinson. “It now serves as our school cafeteria and as a storm shelter. We’ve been fortunate to not have to use it as a storm shelter during the school day, but members of the community have used it to seek shelter after school hours.

It wouldn’t have been possible without the rural water district.”

Citizen Potawatomi Nation built a water treatment plant at Grand Casino Hotel and Resort in order to meet its water needs and those of its neighbors.

CPN has supported Rural Water District 3 since 1997, when the rural water district was first created. In 2002, CPN helped the water district secure funding from U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Health Services and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. By May 2005, rural water district members voted in favor of selling the systems assets to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

CPN immediately made improvements to the water system which now serves 1,000 customers in an area covering 60 percent of Pottawatomie County and has 285 miles of water line.

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Nation to Nation exhibit a sight to see for D.C.- bound Potawatomi

For Potawatomi making visits to the nation's capital, the National Museum of the American Indian, located right in the middle of the National Mall, is a popular destination. What many Potawatomi visitors may not realize is a piece of Tribal history is on open display in the museum's "Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and American Indian Nations" exhibit.

From March-August 2016, the 1836 U.S.-Potawatomi Treaty will be on display, while in August 2017, an



No-taw-kah, signer of the U.S.-Potawatomi Treaty of Yellow River, painted by George Winter. 1837

1806 treaty between the Potawatomi Nations and U.S. Government will be shown. Both the Citizen Potawatomi of Oklahoma, formerly Indiana, and the Pokagan Potawatomi of Michigan are featured in the exhibition's case study.

37 tribes from across the U.S. and their relations with the federal government are presented in the expansive exhibition. Each treaty represents diplomatic agreements between the United States and Native Nations that remain in force to this day. It offers visitors the hidden stories of the United States and American Indian Nations diplomacy, the history of how the states were ultimately drawn and how promises were kept and broken and renewed with Native nations.

"The history of U.S.-Indian treaties is the history of all Americans," said Kevin Gover, director of the National Museum of the American Indian. "We cannot have a complete understanding of what it means to be Americans without knowing about these relationships, whether we are Native Americans or not."

The exhibition, in development for 10 years, offers visitors the hidden stories of the United States and American Indian Nations diplomacy, the history of how the states were ultimately drawn and how promises



The National Museum of the American Indian.

were kept and broken and renewed with Native Nations. Guest curated by Suzan Shown Harjo, the story is woven through five sections, "Introduction to Treaties," "Serious Diplomacy," "Bad Acts, Bad Paper," "Great Nations Keep Their Word," and "The Future of Treaties."

The exhibition also features three original media productions narrated by Robert Redford.

"Nation to Nation," a four-minute video that will introduce the main themes of the exhibition, "Indian Problem," a 10-minute video that

shows the cultural side of the shift in power relations between Native nations and the U.S. government and "Sovereign Rights," a four-minute video that covers the topic of termination of tribes.

"Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and American Indian Nations" will be open through fall 2018 in the museum's fourth-level gallery. For more details and to read the actual treaties featured in the exhibition, visit www.AmericanIndian.si.edu.

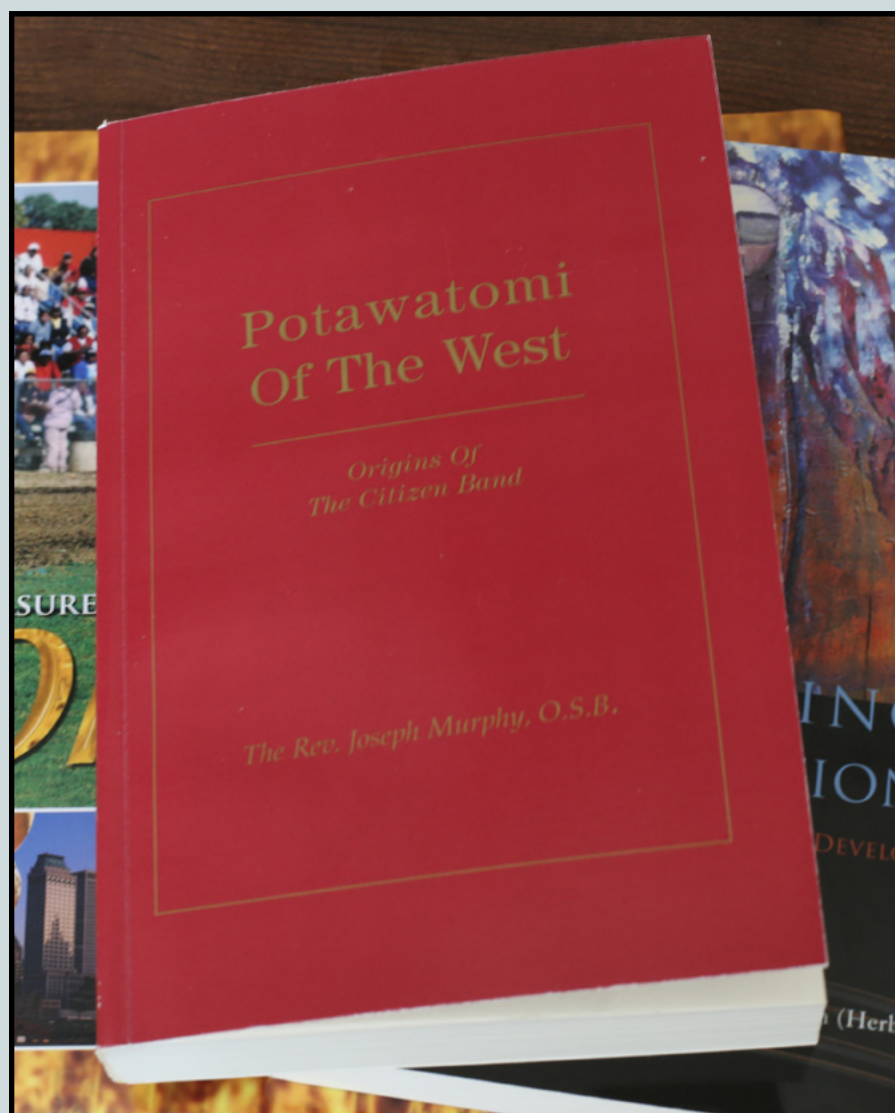
History of the Potawatomi on sale at FireLake Gift Shop

In 1961, Father Joseph Murphy, whose name now adorns one of the Tribal Elder Housing Complexes, penned "Potawatomi of the West: Origins of the Citizen Band."

The study was reprinted in 1988, and the forward written by Dr. R. David Edmunds of Texas Christian University sums up the work's impact and scope.

"Grant Foreman, Angie Debo, and A.M. Gibson have all described the role played by the Five Southern Tribes in the transfer of American culture to Indian Territory, but with the exception of William Unrau and Joseph Herring, historians generally have ignored the impact of the Potawatomi, Shawnee and other tribes in Iowa and Kansas. Hopefully this volume will serve as a catalyst to inspire additional inquiry into this subject. Like other Americans, Indian pioneers did much to shape and transform the American West."

The work notes that the Potawatomi who later became known as the Citizen Band, and then Citizen Potawatomi, first encountered the French in the 1600s in their lands stretching from Detroit to the Michigan-Indiana border on the southern portion of Lake



"Potawatomi Indians of the West: Origins of the Citizen Band" written by Father Joe Murphy

Michigan. Father Murphy's work traces the Potawatomi from their alliances with the French, then the British, before being forced into unfair treaties with the United States which eventually led to their expulsion from their native lands.

Father Murphy traces the Potawatomi' removals along the Trail of Death in the 1800s to the Kansas reservation along the Osage River, and explores the history of the tribe's leadership, which was often made up of descendants of Potawatomi-French marriages stretching back hundreds of years.

"Potawatomi of the West" also chronicles the peoples' astounding ability to survive and often prosper despite the circumstances they found themselves in, including the Potawatomi' well-earned reputation as transportation facilitators for pioneers and prospectors heading West through what was then Kansas Territory.

Father Murphy's work can be purchased in the FireLake Gift shop, both in person and online.

Tribal member Matt Bearden pursues art career full time

To succeed in the art world, artists must continuously draw inspiration to fuel their passion. The famed Potawatomi artist, Woody Crumbo, lived in the desert hills of New Mexico and drew inspiration from the environment around him. In almost similar fashion, fellow CPN Tribal member Matt Bearden, explains that growing up on the Osage Plains in Hominy, Okla. is what gave him his passion to create Native American art.

"I'm one of those guys that used to always draw and doodle all the time," said Bearden. "My senior year in high school, the school asked me to draw the mascot for the yearbook cover. The mascot for Hominy is an Osage Brave, so doing that is what essentially got me into Native American subject matter."

The descendant from the Bruno, Vieux and Rhodd families currently lives in Tulsa, Okla. with his wife and three children. Bearden graduated from Hominy High School in 1987 and chose to pursue graphic design at Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah, Okla. After graduating, his friend suggested that he apply to the Institute of American Indian Art in Santa Fe, N.M.

"The best part about attending IA was being around all of the kids from tribes all over the nation," said Bearden. "It's a great firsthand experience on understanding what it is to be a Native American, whether you delve into traditional Native American art or not."

Recently Bearden began a project called "Sacred Mascots." The project was on display at the Tulsa Artists' Coalition Gallery in the well-known Brady Arts District.

"I was explaining to my wife how some well-known mascots can be seen as offensive to Native

Americans," said Bearden. "Within that conversation I made an analogy to what it would be like to have a high ranking religious authority on a football helmet and how that could offend someone of that religion. It was from that conversation where my idea for 'Sacred Mascots' came from."

The artist acquired used football helmets and created satirical mascots and painted them on the helmets. His ideas for each one ranged from Patrick Swayze to cigarettes in the shape of a cross.

Besides making satirical art, Bearden recently was commissioned to paint a historical mural for Schlumberger Oilfield Services in Kellyville, Okla. Currently he is preparing for a show at the Oklahoma State Capitol in 2016. The Oklahoma Supreme Court houses one of his pieces in their permanent art collection and he has won numerous art awards over the years.

"I've been doing art professionally, but not full time since 1995. I was burnt out working so much but not doing art that I decided to pursue my art career full time," said Bearden. "For the past year and a half I've been a working artist and I'm looking to connect with my Tribe more and more as I go on this journey."

Bearden is constantly working on new projects and recently finished several works in the past few months. Bearden is taking special commission for people wanting their own "Sacred Mascot" helmet.

For inquiries about a commissioned piece or for more information about Matt Bearden, please email him at mattbearden@juno.com. To see more of Bearden's work please visit his Facebook page listed at "Artist Matthew Bearden."



For God and Country, acrylic on canvas.



Darrel Curtis, acrylic on football helmet.



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Tribal members eligible for home buyer and refinancing grant

By Sherry Byers, CPN Housing Authority

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority (CPNHA) has a “One Time Grant” available to enrolled Tribal members who are going to purchase, build or refinance a home. This grant is for closing costs or down payment only.

All Citizen Potawatomi Tribal members are eligible for this grant for *one time only*. The maximum amount available is \$2,125 and does not have to be repaid. The criteria for this program are:

- The grant cannot be used for any type of mobile home.
- The grant cannot be used by convicted felons or for households where other members are felons.
- The home being purchased must be their primary residence and the Tribal member’s name must be on the loan.

The application must be completed thoroughly and the following submitted:

- Copy of borrower’s CPN membership card.



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- Copy of the “Good Faith Estimate” from lender.
- Income verification for all household members (last three to four pay stubs or if they’ve been with the same employer for years, the last two years of tax returns).
- Name of the Closing Entity (Title Co., Escrow Co., Attorney, etc.).
- Completed W-9 form.
- Copy of appraisal when available.

The application and support information is required in our office

at least three weeks prior to the closing date. This gives our office enough time to get the paperwork processed and the check mailed back to the tribal member by the specified date.

To request the application and/or general information regarding the “One Time Grant,” please contact Sherry Byers, Homeownership Manager at (405) 273-2833 or at sbyers@potawatomi.org.

In addition to assisting individual Tribal members with this grant program, we would also like to see the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s

First National Bank & Trust benefit by originating the mortgage loans. FNB is able to offer most loan programs, offered by other lending institutions, except loan types affiliated with predatory lenders.

For information regarding loan products and lending requirements at First National Bank & Trust, please contact Jeff Scroggins, Mortgage Loan Officer at (405) 275-8830 or at 1-800-227-8362.

It is interesting to know that there are still many uninformed CPN members out there, when it comes to information regarding this program and the tribal bank. Our office receives calls daily from Tribal members that never knew of this grant or that the tribe owns their own bank. Please spread the word with your CPN family members.

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FireLake Wellness Center crowns winners in annual fitness competition

FireLake Wellness Center’s annual fitness competition, called March Madness for the month it begins, was again a huge success. In its seventh year running, the fitness competition is a 64-individual tournament where wellness center attendees compete against one another in cardio workouts.

“This is a contest that we do annually and people get excited about it every year,” said CPN Wellness Center fitness trainer, Sarah Lawerance. “It’s a great way to get people in the gym, to continue or develop good workout and healthy living habits.”

The 64 participants compete against an opponent for one week to see who can accrue the most miles on the treadmill, stationary bike or elliptical machine. Those with the largest total by the end of the week advance to the next round.

Participants are separated into two brackets based on their age, with a 39 and younger division and a 40 years and older division. The winners of each bracket



Second place finisher Chris Jolley during a run for the March Madness Competition.

competed against each other for the championship.

This year 2015 March Madness champion Cheyenne Deathrage vied with Chris Jolley for the championship. Deathrage completed a total of 83.49 miles compared to Jolley’s 77.78 miles, giving the reigning champion the title for the second consecutive year.

Third place finisher Brian Yort totaled 55.26 miles and fourth place went to Tracey Cawvey with a total of 54.26 miles.

The winners received Lowes gift cards and were placed into a drawing to win a fire pit. Those who made it to the sweet sixteen won a shirt.

“It’s awesome being a part of a

competition that people love. As a trainer knowing the overall health benefits they are receiving from competing is rewarding,” said Lawerance. “I really enjoy being a part of March Madness and look forward to it every year.”

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Wellness Center is open 5 a.m. - 7 p.m. Mon. – Thurs. 5 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Fri. 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Sat. and closed on Sunday. To learn more about their classes and other activities, please call 405-395-9304.



Scan this QR code to learn more about the services offered through the CPN Wellness Center.

The scale and scope of issues plaguing the VA, well known for decades by military members caught up in the often confusing and arbitrary bureaucracy, was widely publicized in 2014. The resulting outcry forced then VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki to resign and a renewed push to reform the beleaguered administration responsible for the care of American servicemen and women.

Yates, who had his own battles with the administration for coverage of health complications arising from his service during Vietnam, has been trained by the VA to specifically bring Native American veterans in from the cold. Despite his sobering assessment of the progress made by the VA in his five years as a TVR, the work of Yates and those like him have had some positive impacts. Yates was recently honored by the Governor of Montana during a ceremony honoring that state's tribal veterans.

“Montana is grateful for the work of the Tribal Veterans Representatives that help tribal veterans access their benefits, and provides information, outreach and assistance to veterans and their families,” wrote Governor Steve Bullock in a letter to the ceremony’s attendees.

Though Yates is a Potawatomi, he travels north to Montana, Idaho and the Dakotas a few times a year to offer his advice and experience.

“Crows, Flat Heads, Lakota Sioux



Tribal Veterans Representative Clyde Yates

and even Alaska Natives, I've worked with them all to get their own TVRs," said Yates. "To have their own people, fellow warriors, who know their customs and who they trust; it is where we have made some progress."

Yates notes that the biggest challenges that Native American veterans face in those states is the mammoth distances that keep many from accessing services through the VA.

“They’re so isolated. Many are on reservations and are hours from any sort of services. When you get a person who is disabled and they’re six hundred miles from a VA facility, that means the tribe needs a program to help connect those two. TVRs are that connecting point,” said Yates.

Like many around the country, Native Veterans also share a mistrust of a VA that for decades has underserved

or encumbered individuals trying to receive services they're entitled to as former service members.

“When we served, we were warriors. Having to go to the VA, ask for help and not receive it, it’s a way of losing face that many Native warriors just refuse to go through. So TVRs, we sit down with these vets and talk, show them there are ways of being treated with respect and show them how we can help.”

While his assessment of progress remains bleak, which Yates attributes to the sheer scale of mismanagement that the VA has operated under for decades, his outlook on the work of TVRs is more upbeat.

In addition to his recognition by Governor Bullock, Yates has been honored by fellow tribes with an honorary eagle feather and other gifts. One of his most treasured was a Pendleton Blanket gifted to him

by the Nez Pearce Tribe of North Dakota, called “a great honor” by the Wilmett Family descendent.

“Serving Native Americans is my motivation, especially if I can act as a go-between for those veterans and a government they may not fully trust,” said Yates. “Though officially, my role is to serve CPN vets, then other Native Americans, and then all veterans. But I’ll try to help anyone I can if they get in contact with me.”

If you are a veteran, or know one, please encourage them to get in contact with the CPN Veterans Service office.

Contact Clyde Yates by phone at 405-598-0797 or via email, cyates@potwatomi.org. For Oklahoma-based Native American veterans, more information is available through the American Indian Program at the Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center in Muskogee, Okla.

A man in an orange shirt and cap is captured in the middle of a bowling swing, holding an orange ball. He is on a bowling lane with pins visible in the background. The scene is lit with blue and purple ambient lighting.

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Potawatomi author Robert Sander to speak at Vietnam Vets Banquet

In February 1971, hundreds of U.S. Army and Air Force aircraft took part in an operation to sever one of the main arteries supplying weapons and supplies to the Vietcong and North Vietnamese Army fighting the Americans and their South Vietnamese allies. One of the pilots taking part in that operation, dubbed Lam Son 719, was Seiling, Okla.'s Robert Sander. The Navarre-family descendent was a commissioned officer in the famed 101st Airborne Division, and flew a number of missions during the nearly two month long operation, which resulted in 253 Americans killed in action.

Upon his retirement from the Army as a colonel in 1993, Sander found himself drawn back to this battle. Years of curiosity and research into the motivations, planning and strategy behind it led Sander to write a book on the operation, the only published work from the first-time author.

"A lot of people didn't know about it," said Sander. "An artillery officer I spent 25 years in the Army with was visiting one day after we retired. I mentioned Operation Lam Son 719 and he asked me, 'What's that?'"

Published by the University of Oklahoma Press in 2014, "Invasion of Laos, 1971: Lam Son 719" is now in its third printing and has been warmly received by military historians and veterans. A quick scan of the book's reviews on Amazon is a testament to its success.

In February 2015, Sander's book was reviewed by U.S. Army Combat Studies' Institute Col. Thomas E. Hanson in *Military Review* magazine. Commenting on the first-time author's work, Hanson wrote "Should 'Invasion' prove to be Sander's only contribution to the body of work on the Vietnam War; he will nevertheless have done the historical profession and the Army a profoundly important service."

Sander recently learned that the book has been ordered by the British Royal Air Force Museum, signaling that a wider promotion and audiences are still to come.

Sander credits the book's success in large part to others, including Mike Sloniker of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association and the staff at the University of Oklahoma Press.

"A university press publishes history and other topics that may not draw the attention of a popular press company, particularly from a first time author," he explained. "The academic review, advice and assistance rendered by OU Press were invaluable."

The Potawatomi author is the keynote speaker at the CPN Veterans Organization Vietnam Banquet on September 26, 2015. He will speak of his experiences in the military, and the background of his book.

Reflecting on a year since his first work was published, Sander emphasizes a point he feels is often lost through the American-focused



Robert Sander

lens that such histories center on.

"We overlook the contribution of the Lao soldiers who fought on behalf of the United States as the special guerrilla units. They sacrificed their homes, their families and their lives. Once the communists took over, they were wanted men. Capture by the communists meant confinement in brutal "reeducation" camps, which was in reality, a death sentence. Many made it to the U.S., but have never received a nickel of veterans' benefits, nor have their sacrifices been recognized. There are a group of these soldiers in the Tulsa Hmong community. I feel a little bit ashamed when I meet with them because they've been treated so poorly."

Sander's work in telling these untold facets of one small part of America's longest war is a form of repayment for this and other forgotten aspects of

the conflict. It is not an easy burden to carry, but given the reception to the book and his determination to carry on his message about this important story, Sander is as well prepared as any to make one last run as a participant of Operation Lam Son 719.



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Sander in a UH-1 Huey during his time in Vietnam.



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Peddicord brothers visit Washington on Kansas Honor Flight

In April 2015, two Citizen Potawatomi Nation members boarded a Kansas Honor Flight bound for Washington D.C. Tribal members Steve and Turk Peddicord visited the nation's capital, though their brother Stan was unable to go due to a family emergency. Below is an account of their trip from Steve Peddicord.

Turk, Stan and I are all Vietnam Veterans. We were all three in Vietnam together at the same time. Stan and I signed waivers so that we could serve our country where the Army needed us. Mother was not happy.

To say that this Kansas Honor Flight was a life altering event for veterans would be an understatement. The many honors accorded us made life memories for us veterans and tears of gratitude continue to well up, even now.

The Wamego High School National Honor Students, or guardians, were paired up with us veterans so we would have a safe, memorable and rewarding experience. There were four WWII vets, 11 from the Korean War and 10 from the Vietnam War. I believe we veterans came away from this trip feeling that our country will be in good hands going forward. The guardians, in turn, functioned as sounding boards for our war stories. I know we probably bored them, but at least they listened. These youngsters seriously cared, wanting to learn more about patriotism, the military and appreciated some of the struggles we went through. We veterans are forever grateful for that.

Our first stop was the WWII Memorial, where retired U. S. Senator Robert Dole greeted us and shook our hands. We were so honored to see him. Current U.S. Senator Pat Roberts broke away from his senatorial duties to visit with us. We read about these people, may



Steve and Turk Peddicord



Turk, Steve and Stan Peddicord in Vietnam

even have voted for them, but actually meeting them was an honor for us. Both expressed their appreciation for our sacrifices and achievements, and they meant it!

From there we bussed to the Lincoln Memorial. On either side of this edifice are the Korean and Vietnam War memorials, both spectacular to see. As a Vietnam veteran, touching names of people I knew on the Vietnam Memorial wall was very emotional. My guardian, Elise Wolf, and I found the name of an army friend who died for a reason I won't go into here. We touched that name and I felt a great demon lift from my shoulders that had been weighing on me for 45 years. We cried, she cared, and now I'm ready to move on. I'm forever indebted to Elise and hope we remain friends.

We then took a bus tour of Washington D.C. Most of us had never been there, so you can imagine our jaws dropping while seeing the grandeur our tax dollars have wrought. Our visit to Arlington National Cemetery was highlighted by the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was very stirring.

The greatest part of the trip was returning to Wamego to a surprise homecoming. Crowds carried welcome home signs, and a band played while friends and family from far and wide were there to greet us. It wasn't like that 45 years ago.

I highly encourage all veterans of these three eras to contact your nearest Honor Flight Network hub and register. Google it. It's totally free. Do it while you still have time. It will be one of your most worthwhile life experiences.

Steve Peddicord
U.S. Army, CW3
Vietnam, 1970

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CPN Veterans report: July 2015

By Daryl Talbot, Commander
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A lot has been said about remembering our veterans in this and previous years. More and more, our nation is learning the value of the veterans and military service men and women it has produced. To give some perspective on the impact their commitment and sacrifice has made on our society, here is a little history most people will never know.

The following information are the statistics available on the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial.

- 58,267 names are now listed on this special black wall. The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us, by date and in alphabetical order.

- It has been 57 years since the first casualty on 8 June 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son killed on 7 September 1965. There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.

- 39,996 were just 22 years old or younger.

- 8,283 were just 19 years old.

- 12 soldiers were 17 years old.

- Five soldiers were 16.

- One was only 15 years old.

- 997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam.

- 1,448 were killed on their last day in Vietnam.

- 31 sets of brothers are on the Wall, meaning 31 sets of parents lost two of their sons.

- 8 women were killed nursing the wounded.

- 244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War, of those 153 are on the Wall.

- The most deaths on a single day was on 31 January 1968, with 245 killed.

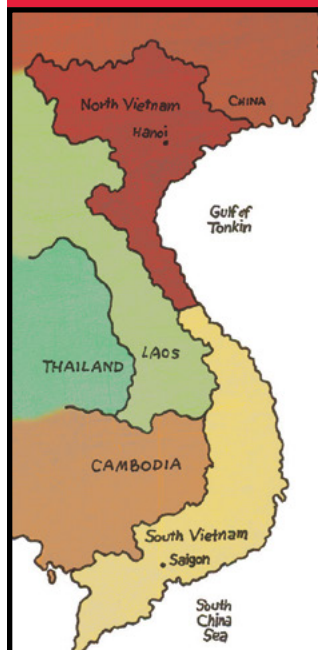
- The most deaths for a single month was May 1968, with 2,415.

Most who read this will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created, but those of us who survived the war, and the families of those who did not, will see the faces, feel the pain and pride that these numbers reflect. We are haunted by these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, only noble warriors.

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P.S. We are sorry we did not have a monthly meeting in May, but our meeting site was flooded. Barring any future floods, we will have our monthly CPN Veterans Organization meeting starting in July on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) in the North Reunion Hall in the Potawatomi Powwow Grounds. All CPN veterans and their families are welcome. A meal is provided.

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Treasurer David Joe Barrett dbarrett@potawatomi.org

Mamkeznéwen: The moccasin game



One of the most prominent and competitive games among Potawatomi men is mamkeznéwen (moccasin.) Forming two teams, each are comprised of a finder-hider, scorekeeper, drummers and singers. Using theatrics, each team is tasked with hiding a small token under one of four moccasins in an attempt to disguise its location and confuse opponents. With the token concealed, drummers and singers among the hiding team play specific songs to distract opponents and intensify gameplay. Points are earned based on the number and pattern of successful selections, each represented with distinct counting sticks. As the game progresses, teammates alternate roles to allow each member an opportunity to play and score points. The team that collects all counting sticks wins.

State Department searching for future Native American diplomats

Some residents of the Great Plains don't know that on both coasts of the United States, the states in between are sometimes jokingly referred to as the "flyover states." Being locked in the continental interior puts its residents hundreds or thousands of miles away from the nearest international destination. This can foster an understandably inward looking perspective. Yet the U.S., the sole superpower in the world, still needs Americans to serve as its civilian face abroad in services like the U.S. Department of State. Diplomat in Residence Rob Andrew, based out of the University of Oklahoma, is responsible for getting more "flyover state" residents out into the world to serve as the face of the U.S.

Home for Andrew is Chico, Calif., yet his connections to Oklahoma began prior to his stationing at OU as the Diplomat in Residence. A Navy aviator, Andrew's father was stationed at the University of Oklahoma's ROTC Naval Science program in the mid-1960s.

"Just before he left town, I was born in Norman. I was not raised here, but I've always had a soft spot in my heart for OU and the OU Sooners. I see my current position as coming full circle," he explained.

Following his graduation from the ROTC program at California State University, Chico, Andrew served 13 years as an officer in the U.S. Army. The Gulf War veteran's ties to Oklahoma were further solidified while undergoing field artillery officer training at Ft. Sill, where he met his wife Pam, an Oklahoma native. His deployments also resulted in Andrew being an eye witness to history, as he proudly notes he is one of the last soldiers to patrol the East-



Diplomat in Residence Rob Andrew

West German border.

Like many military members, Andrew spent years stationed in far off locales, giving him an opportunity to interact with a diverse range of cultures and people. This background may have helped motivate his switch to the U.S. State Department after a 13-year Army career.

"I took the Foreign Service test on a whim really," said Andrew, "and I ended up passing the tests. The State Department offered me a position in the political affairs track as a Foreign Service Officer."

Andrew, a Foreign Service Officer, has worked as a diplomat in Mexico, Russia, Costa Rica and most recently Sweden. His present post, as Diplomat in Residence for the U.S. Central Region, has him overseeing U.S. Department of State duties in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and North and South Dakota. Having served as a U.S. diplomat to foreign nations, he is now tasked with promoting careers in the U.S. Department of State to residents in those states. A core

focus of his mission is to promote the department to Native Americans, who are underrepresented in the country's diplomatic corps.

"Less than 1 percent (or 0.41 percent) of the U.S. Department of State's personnel are Native Americans," explained Andrew. "Generally in communities that don't have a lot of contact or visits outside the U.S., many people just don't know about careers with us. I'm working to change that."

Andrew has been up and down the Great Plains since his posting to Oklahoma, visiting with as many groups and institutions as he can fit into a day.

"There are people located in this central region of the U.S. who have an interest in international affairs," he emphasized. "They just don't feel like they can qualify or compete with students from the Ivy League or coastal institutions. One of my missions is to tell them that they *can* compete and that careers *are* available to them."

Andrew's pitch to Native Americans is a key selling point in the central region. Noting tribal governments' status as dependent, sovereign nations to the U.S. Federal Government, Andrew is emphatic in preaching to sometimes skeptical Native American audiences that they already know a great deal about being diplomats.

"If you think about it, Native Americans are very good at diplomacy. Tribal peoples and governments negotiate with the U.S. government all the time. Think about all the treaties, grant funding agreements and modifications, interactions with the Bureau of Indian Affairs or even state compacts; Native Americans are conducting diplomacy on a regular basis."

The former Army officer's second selling point to many Native Americans is to show his own path from warrior to diplomat. Native Americans serve in the U.S. armed forces at a higher rate than all other ethnic groups, and as Andrew points out, many have experience living abroad already.

"I went into the military and now the U.S. Department of State because, like my father did in the Navy, I wanted to serve. At the end of the day, that's what you're doing, serving your country," he concluded.

Andrew is scheduled to speak with the Potawatomi Leadership Program participants in July, and encourages anyone interested in learning about opportunities with the U.S. Department of State to contact him at DIRCentral@state.gov. He also has an official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DIRCentral, and more information can be found at <http://careers.state.gov>.

FireLodge Tribal youth update: July 2015

By Darin Greene, Coordinator, FireLodge Tribal Youth

July will be very busy at the P.L.A.C.E. as we plan on taking a journey to visit the homes of what most people know as the Five Civilized Tribes.

Our first journey was to the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Heritage Center where the youth took a tour of the traditional Indian villages dating back to the eighteenth century. They'll also learn about the Chickasaws' spiral garden and stick ball competitions.

We also will be continuing our fun summer trips to the OBU swimming pool and the new Shawnee Splash Park, where during the summer months the tribal youth can be found three times a week.

Each week our youth are taught

about film appreciation and plan on watching several movies including "Paddington Bear", "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Pt. 1", "Alexander and the Terrible Horrible Day," and "Maleficent."

Our Tribal youth also will be dressing the part once a week according to themes. The first week was our theme was "Red, White and 'U'". The second week is "Over All Day," while "Dress like a Golfer Day," "Dress like your favorite Hoop Star Day," and "You're in the Army Now" will close out the month.

The Tribal youth will be participating in several skills camps for volleyball and basketball, getting them some exercise while building their basic skills in these sports. I want to say ahead of time how thankful we are for the help from all the by volunteers from the community and the P.L.A.C.E. staff who are putting it on.



Rakayla Brannon shoots over Lacey Howell.

We've also got quite a few youth-orientated tournaments revolving around the use of water balloons, volleyball, horse shoe, free throw and three point shots, mini-putt golf, checkers, ping pong, dominoes and lawn ball.

And as always, we play hard at the P.L.A.C.E. but we also party hard, with our Tribal youth "celebrating" National Ice Cream Day, National Lasagna Day and Ice Cream Sundae Day.

While we're busy at the P.L.A.C.E. and almost running at full capacity, we're always looking for more participants if we can accommodate them. If you would like to learn more about the FireLodge Tribal Youth program, feel free to contact me at dgreene@potawatomi.org.

Spots still open for FireLake Classic on July 25-26

For the thirty first year in a row, golfers from around the region will be teeing off at FireLake Golf Course for the annual FireLake Classic.

“This is one of our big events,” said FireLake Golf Course Director Chris Chesser. “We get our regular weekly golfers as well as some really good golfers from around the region coming up here for two days to compete for cash prizes in each flight.”

Cash prizes are subject to change, so golfers are encouraged to check with the course staff in the week prior to the tournament.

Around 100 golfers compete in the six flights, from the championship to the E Flight, letting players of all skill levels compete for cash prizes.

The \$120 entry fee will also cover a practice round on the Friday prior to the two day event. Golfers must have a valid USGA handicap or Pro-approved handicap when registering. Those without will be automatically placed in the championship flight.

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CPN Legislative update: May 2015

On May 28, 2015 the CPN Legislature convened its quarterly and final meeting of the 2014-15 legislative session.

It was a busy agenda, starting with the legislature's authorization of a resolution supporting the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation's Microenterprise Program application. The CPN Child Development Center's application funding request through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services was also approved. Legislators approved a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education for the CPN Indian Education Discretionary grant program as well.

Other grant funding applications, including those for the Tribal Court Improvement, Adult Drug Court discretionary grant, Basic Library Services and Education Assessment and the Cultural Resource and Preservation grant programs were similarly voted for and approved. Resolutions supporting the CPN Climate Change Adaptation Planning Application, which would be funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs



The 2014-15 CPN Legislature

2015 Cooperative Landscape Conservation program, the Tribal Energy Development Capacity program, Community Service Block Grants and the Low Income Home and Energy Assistance Program also received unanimous approval by the legislature.

Support for increased funding of the Tribal Sanitation Facilities

Construction program for new and like-new housing units was approved, as were similar resolutions for scattered, existing homes and water line extensions for Pottawatomie County Rural Water District 3. Grant funding proposals were also supported with unanimous consent for applications for the Tribal diabetes and Healthy Heart programs.

John Tom Anderson was confirmed to the CPN Gaming Commission with a 15-0 vote, while a fee-to-trust acquisition resolution for the Cook property for non-gaming, on reservation use was also approved. Likewise, fee-to-trust resolutions for the Murrell and Ragle properties were approved.

In membership news, 182 applicants were enrolled as members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.



To see the results of the CPN District 13 legislative election, which were not available at time of print, scan this QR Code or visit potawatomi.org.

\$100k CPN-donation helps Shawnee Splash pool project



Beating the summer heat in the Shawnee-Tecumseh area will be a little easier starting this summer as the Shawnee Splash pool project opened its doors on June 20.

Officials from Citizen Potawatomi Nation, which donated \$100,000 to the project, were given a tour of the facilities by members of the city staff and pool committee just a few days before the grand opening.

"They really have done a wonderful job on this," said Vice-Chairman Linda Capps. "Our Tribal youth group will be spending a lot of time here this summer, with the pool management having worked out a rate for them to visit two or three times a week. It is fantastic to see the improvements, especially for those who remember and liked the old pool."

Shawnee City Manager Justin Erickson, Shawnee Director of Operations James Bryce, Aquatics Manager Kerri Foster and Shawnee Pool Committee Chairman John Ayers gave Vice-Chairman Capps a look at all the improvements and renovations the pool has undergone since the groundbreaking ceremony in July 2014.

"We very much appreciated CPN's attendance at the Shawnee Splash tour," said City Manager Erickson. "We want to thank CPN for its generous contribution to this facility and for their support of many other important community initiatives."

Several smaller pools and a splash pad now reside in place of the once Olympic-sized pool originally built by the Works Progress Administration in 1937. Yet some of the classic features of the Roosevelt Administration project remain, including the original rock-walled changing rooms and concession stand area. The diving board areas remain backed up against the town's WPA-built auditorium and original site of Shawnee High School.

In addition to swimming lessons, water aerobics and water Zumba, Shawnee Splash also features a lazy river, rock climbing walls and a water slide. Season passes are available, and more information can be found on the Shawnee Splash Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/shawneesplash> or by visiting their website <http://www.shawneeok.org/ShawneeSplash/>.



Vice-Chairman Linda Capps speaks with Pool Committee Chairman John Ayers during the Shawnee Splash tour.



The new wading pool and splash bucket are ready for swimmers of all ages.

Tribal member and OK State Senator Smalley protects rail funding in southeast Oklahoma

With the State of Oklahoma facing an estimated \$611 million revenue shortfall during the 2015 legislative session, lawmakers from across the state were on the lookout for money that could be diverted to fund operations.

One such search led lawmakers to consider taking money from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's Railroad Maintenance Revolving Fund. According to the *Journal Record* newspaper, the fund has more than \$70 million from the state's sale of the Sooner Sub rail line.

Potawatomi Tribal member and Oklahoma State Senator Jason Smalley (R – Stroud) opposed raiding the rail funds, pointing out that the money should go for rail improvements.



Senator Jason Smalley



Tribal Chairman John Rocky Barrett, A-OK Railroad's Dave Donnelly and then-Representative James Lankford ride across the re-opened Iron Horse Bridge in August 2013.

“We have rail deficiencies all down southern Seminole and Pottawatomie County,” Smalley told the *Journal Record*. “If we could get that rail back open to the folks in Seminole, Wewoka and on down to McAlester, and open up a rail line to Oklahoma City for them, we’ll see economic prosperity like no other down there.”

Senator Smalley, a Peltier-family descendent, and the elected representative for parts of Lincoln, Pottawatomie and Seminole counties, took criticism in *The Oklahoman* newspaper for his stance. The state’s largest daily claimed Smalley’s opposition of raiding the fund was somehow akin to sacrificing road and bridge projects “on a long-shot bid at railroad-based economic

development aimed at placating one lawmaker and some of his constituents.”

For more than a century, Oklahoma’s political system gave political weight to rural areas, many times at the expense of the larger metropolitan areas like Tulsa and Oklahoma City. In the past decade though, as both cities grew, so did their political clout. With their locales growing and attracting new jobs, it is difficult for politicians and opinion makers in the big cities to understand just how dire the economic situation is in many parts of rural Oklahoma.

The effort of A-OK railroad at reopening the Iron Horse Bridge

and the rail links connecting southeastern Oklahoma more than thirty years after it was severed is a prime example of a project that is more than just a rail line. It is little wonder the economic prospects in many of the rail stops along that line withered in the years since the bridge washed out in a flood. Yet progress is being made now that the bridge is complete. Iron Horse Industrial Park is set to bring hundreds of jobs and outside investment to the Shawnee-Tecumseh area in the coming years. It is not difficult to imagine similar economic stimulation, literally down the line, for towns whose economic prospects are of little concern to those in ivory towers in the state’s capital city.

Senator Smalley’s efforts were indeed an act of one lawmaker protecting the interests of his constituents. That is what legislators are elected to do. Many rural Oklahomans know that if their locally-elected officials don’t look out for them, especially in terms of economic development and job creation, those in the state’s largest metropolitan areas certainly will not.

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Guest column: Local Tribe greatly benefits our communities



By Oklahoma State Rep. Josh Cockroft (R-Wanette)

As a legislator, I always appreciate those in our communities who work together to make our local areas a better place to live, work and play. Oftentimes, these community partners go about their business without seeking much acclaim when much is due to them. Today I want to briefly show my appreciation for one of these

community partners whose impact has far too often been overlooked and even criticized.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is the ninth-largest Native American tribe in the country. Though its headquarters are in Shawnee, which is barely outside my district, its community investment creates jobs throughout central Oklahoma, especially in southern Pottawatomie County. Employing more than 2,200 people, Citizen Potawatomi Nation has a demonstrated economic impact of more than \$550 million annually.

Numbers don’t begin to tell the story of what Citizen Potawatomi Nation does in our communities. CPN has invested millions in operating and expanding a rural water district that was going bankrupt, helping provide a lifeline to rural customers and small municipalities that otherwise would have suddenly been without a fundamental public service. Most recently, they have agreed to operate Pottawatomie County’s funding-challenged 911 call center. The Tribe will not only assume all costs for the county, but also the small towns in its service area, saving those entities

\$250,000 a year and providing a lifeline for residents. This speaks volumes for me as a legislator who has worked hard for years to try and provide quality emergency services for the rural communities which I serve.

CPN invests in Oklahoma’s economy the right way, expanding their business enterprises far beyond just gaming. They own the largest Tribally-owned bank in the United States, with branches in Holdenville, Lawton, Mangum, Granite and Shawnee. They operate grocery stores in small towns like Tecumseh, with another on the way in McLoud, that otherwise would have limited options for fresh food.

Most importantly, CPN uses the profits from their businesses to create more local jobs and invest in our communities. In the last year alone, they paid more than \$25.6 million in taxes and payments in lieu of taxes to state and local governments. After they share with their community partners, CPN then takes the rest of their hard earned money and does exactly what we seek to do in the State Legislature:

invest in education, health care, housing, roads and infrastructure for Oklahoma citizens.

I’m very proud to have the largest amount of Tribal members and employees of any area in the Nation in my legislative district. I’m honored to serve individuals like Chairman John A. “Rocky” Barrett, Vice-Chairman Linda Capps and many more who work hard to provide quality services and way of life to our communities. I’m proud to stand with Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Please never hesitate to give me your thoughts, concerns, and opinions. I value hearing from each person which enables me to represent my district to the best of my ability. It matters not if you are Republican, Democrat, or Independent; I am here to serve you. If you would like to receive my weekly legislative updates, or if I can serve you in any way, please email me at: Josh.Cockroft@OkHouse.gov. If you need to get in touch with my office for any reason, please call: (405) 557-7349.

Language department adds French native and Linguistic Ph.D. Ivan Ozbolt

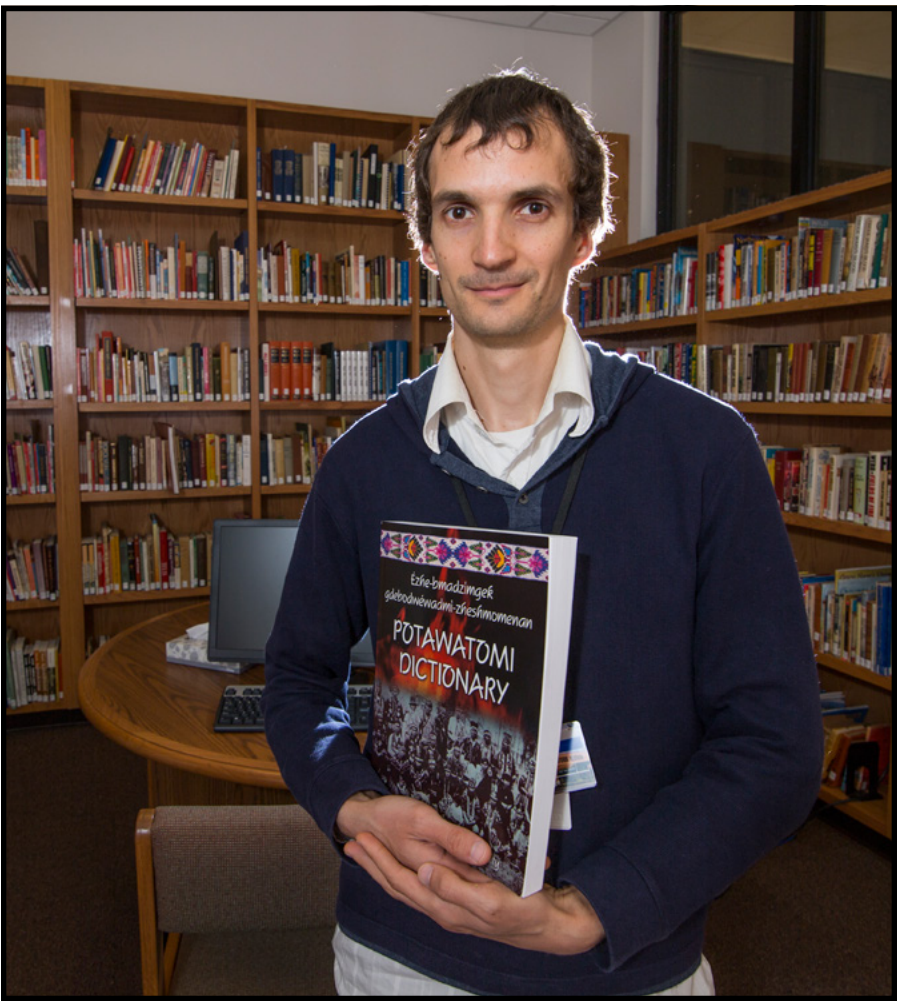
Preserving the Potawatomi language is essential in the Tribe’s effort to maintain its identity as a distinct and sovereign people. On the front lines of the battle to maintain that distinct Potawatomi identity is the staff of the CPN Language Department, who in their everyday work keeps the Tribe’s native language alive. A recent graduate of University of Oklahoma, Ivan Ozbolt, joined the department in spring 2015.

A native of France, Ozbolt graduated from the University of Paris in 2003 and enrolled in a student exchange program through the University of Denver in 2004. After taking classes there, Ozbolt found himself increasingly interested in Native American cultures. This interest drew his attention to the University of Oklahoma, known nationwide for its prodigious Native American studies programs.

“One of the things I found interesting and have learned more about Native Americans is their resilience in preserving their history,” said Ozbolt.

In 2006, he graduated with his Master’s in Native American Studies from OU before finishing a Ph.D. in Anthropology with an emphasis in Linguistics in December 2014. His studies examine languages by looking at its cultural and social context.

Upon completion of his doctorate, Ozbolt was interested in putting his years of study to practical use. When he saw the job opening offering him a chance to teach Potawatomi, an extensive but little spoken Native American language, he jumped at



Ivan Ozbolt

the chance.

“I’ve been in school my whole life so it feels great to actually be applying what I’ve learned all these years as a teacher,” said Ozbolt.

As a language aid for CPN, Ozbolt is deeply involved in developing the department’s self-paced, online courses, which are due to go live in the fall of 2015.

“We are a team of five people

working on the program, but there is a lot to do because every lesson contains quizzes, exams, evaluations and lectures,” said Ozbolt.

CPN Language Director Justin Neely and Ozbolt have also been seeking out new documents from archives around the country in the Potawatomi language that can be incorporated into their lessons. Recently, they found a Potawatomi version of the “Gospel of Mathew” at the Kansas Historical Society and are working

on translating it to English.

“I am also transcribing a catechism that was written by Hoekan, a Jesuit priest who lived with the Potawatomi in the 1840s,” said Ozbolt. “The catechism is written in French and Potawatomi.”

Ozbolt is tasked with writing down the section in French, which he admits is quite challenging given Fr. Hoekan’s handwriting, before translating it into English to be used in the language department’s instructions.

Translations and linguistics aside, Ozbolt continues to find new facets of Native American and Potawatomi culture the deeper he explores.

“One of things I find interesting about CPN is its place among the different bands of Potawatomi,” said Ozbolt. “The Potawatomi language, as far as I have learned so far, is not heavily influenced by the French language as I had previously thought they might be, given their history.”

On his own language capabilities, Ozbolt, admits that learning the Tribal language is a challenge all its own.

“My Potawatomi is growing slowly, but day by day I am learning not only about the language but the Tribe as a whole.”

If you’re interested in learning more about the Potawatomi language please visit the CPN Language Department website at www.potawatomi.org/lang.

Native American business helping keep Lawton clean



By Jessica Tucker, CPCDC Loan Document Specialist

Everyone has waste of some type to dispose of, be it every day trash or a major renovation project at home or work. If there’s a job that is just too big for the normal cleanup process, Comanche Nation tribal member Brian Stillwell is your man. His CPCDC-financed small business will pick up and dispose of your project’s waste through roll-off bins.

First American Waste Management began operations in February 2015 when Stillwell discovered a need in his own tribe to help tribal members keep maintaining their homes and other properties. Having a solution to that problem, Stillwell then went in search of funding and business consulting advice to the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation.

“CPCDC has been a big help and took the time to walk me through all

of the paper work,” stated Stillwell. Having worked in the environmental field for eight years, Stillwell was already familiar with many of the sector’s particular nuances and requirements to ensure First American Waste Management adheres to local, state, tribal and federal regulations. He is a regular at annual waste collection and disposal trainings where he stays updated on all procedures for this industry.

Though Stillwell still works for the Comanche Nation as its Director of Environmental Programs, he continues to run First American Waste Management on the side with his brother Randy Stillwell. Located just outside Lawton, Okla. the company performs pick-up services two days a week, but can expand to six days a week if necessary. Service days are Monday and Friday for current contracts.

Now up and running, Stillwell hopes to build the Oklahoma business up to



the point where it can be passed on to his family.

“I believe it is something that can grow into much more for my family,” Stillwell said. “I also think that if we continue to grow, it is a great opportunity for jobs for our tribal members.”

Though he works two jobs, Stillwell says he still enjoys his downtime with his family playing darts, fishing and trying his hand at golf.

Providing professional roll-off bins for delivery, pick-up and disposal of waste is something Stillwell hopes to build in the Lawton area with First American Waste Management,

and if you are interested in more information please call 580-514-9580.

The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation is a lender to Native American-owned businesses across Oklahoma and to Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal members across the United States. If you are seeking a loan to help build your business like Brian Stillwell’s First American Waste Management or would like to inquire about a business loan please call 405-878-4697 or visit at www.cpcdc.org.



Bozho, Nikan
(Hello, My Friend)

Tribal Chairman - John "Rocky" Barrett

Constitutional standard of "federal pre-emption" of lawsuits against Indian Tribes by a state trying to tax Indian commerce. This has been federal law for nearly 185 years. If you get a chance to Google "The Marshall Trilogy," please do so. These three landmark U.S. Supreme Court cases still define the relationship between tribes, states, and the U.S. Government.

This dispute has more potentially dangerous consequences for us than money, however. Every case before the U.S. Supreme Court concerning Indian tribes has the potential for setting a bad precedent that could harm every other tribe. We are not the only tribe affected directly in the present controversy. We have received Tribal Resolutions of support from the Comanche Nation, The Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, The Creek Nation, The Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, and the United Tribes of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. More official expressions of support are expected soon.

Shawnee, Oklahoma is not the only city affected. In Lawton, Oklahoma, the Comanche Nation, the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma,

and the Apache Tribe jointly own more than 1,000 acres located in the heart of the fourth largest city in Oklahoma. For years, they have been denied the ability to develop this valuable property by cumbersome federal requirements and bureaucratic delay. Now there is finally an opportunity for economic development on this land in a recently signed contract with McDonald's restaurants to build at a very busy city intersection. The owner tribes volunteered to contribute 3 percent of their sales taxes to the City of Lawton, keeping 5.5 percent for their tribal government needs. The State of Oklahoma has refused to honor the offer, demanding the entire 8.5 percent tax, leaving none for tribal governments. It threatens McDonalds if they do not pay. It has cast doubt on the entire business transaction, which would generate badly needed revenue for these three tribes.

Doubt is the greatest damage we have suffered in this racially motivated controversy. Our tribe has set national milestones in our adoption of and developments under the new federal law called the

Hearth Act. It was passed by Congress in 2013 to help foster economic development in Indian Country. The regulations created by this law are very specific in denying state tax authority over Indian commerce, but these lawsuits have cast a doubt over our Hearth Act business potential. We recently lost a business lease opportunity because of veiled threats by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to assess taxes against an off-reservation business if they expand by building a new business on our land.

In fact, retaliation against an unrelated business is the basis for one of the lawsuits we are in now with the state. Oklahoma is threatening to revoke our Grand Casino liquor license if we do not collect taxes for them at FireLake Discount Foods, our grocery store more than five miles away from the Casino. This would put us at an extreme competitive disadvantage. This is an obvious and outright violation of the terms of our Gaming Compact agreement with the state signed almost ten years ago.

Again, the objective seems to be disruption, doubt, and waste. There is absolutely

no consideration by the Governor's staff of our creation of more than 2,200 jobs in Pottawatomie County. No consideration is given for the beneficial impact of that \$200 million investment by our tribe. Even worse, there is no consideration of the disruption of people's lives if our businesses are forced to close, or our clinics and housing programs are forced to stop helping our people. Let's face it, if we were white, we would be getting "Keys to the City" and invitations to the Governor's mansion. God forbid that we go back to the days of terror and burning crosses and white hoods. Before anyone tries that though, they should check out our history. We won't lie down and take it. We will resist. With everything we have. As the old Okie saying goes: "This ain't our first rodeo!"

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Tribal Chairman.

Migwetch (Thank you)

John "Rocky" Barrett
Keweoge
"He Leads Them Home"
Tribal Chairman



Bozho

Vice-Chairman - Linda Capps

colleges and universities in Oklahoma. Regardless of who benefits from the information, I believe that the content of this message regarding Tribal license tags is very important.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Business Committee passed Resolution 05-47 on September 8, 2004, which permitted the CPN Tax Commission to issue Tribal license tags. A directive for the CPN Tax Commission to make "in lieu of tax payments" to Oklahoma schools is an integral part of the resolution.

Recently I encountered a Tribal member who did not know that he could elect to send such a payment to a school district outside of where he resides. Like many of our Oklahoma Tribal members, he lives in one district and his children attend school in another district. Of course,

if given a choice, he would most likely choose for tax funds to go to the district in which his children attend school. From the very beginning of the license tag initiative, rules were in place for Tribal members to designate allocated tax funds to their choice of Oklahoma schools. The designation of private schools to be included in the selection process was elected this past school year.

The CPN Tag Agency is self-sustaining from the revenue that is collected for vehicle tags and other relevant fees. It is basically a break-even operation since the revenue that could be considered profit under ordinary circumstances is set aside for Oklahoma schools. The school tax is figured on a percentage of fees collected from all *new or used vehicle registrations*. At the end of

each school year, checks are sent to the schools that have been chosen by the Tribal members. For the 2014-2015 school year, there was \$257,229.74 paid to approximately 285 Oklahoma schools. The checks are accompanied by a letter that explains CPN's vehicle Tribal licensing program along with a brief history of the initiative.

As an example of the choice of schools, I reside in Shawnee School District, but I can designate tax funds from my vehicle registration to apply to Byng Schools where my grandchildren attend school. I also have grandchildren attending Dale Public Schools so I might opt to choose that school district at some time in the future. In other words, the choice of school districts is definitely up to the Tribal member. Please remember that whatever your choice, it must be conveyed to our

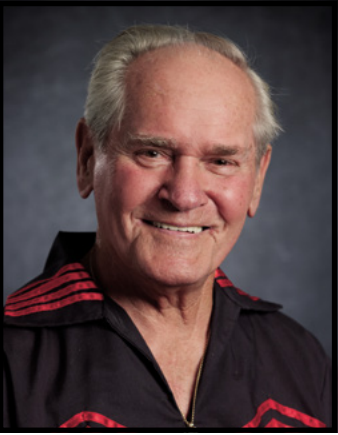
tag agent at the transaction time. I hope this will prove to be good information for those who did not grasp the rules, or have forgotten that the Tribal member has the choice of school district locations. Perhaps this will even give a grandparent an incentive to designate their grandchild's school district when they register their new or used vehicle.

I hope you had a great experience at this year's Family Festival. I am accustomed to having a great time each year. I cannot remember a year that I have ever been disappointed.

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District 1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho Nikanek, (Hello my friends)

As I write this, I am reminded of the recent flooding problems in Texas and Oklahoma. Today is June 3, and we here in Kansas City are experiencing what my parents used to refer

to as a “gulley washer,” or sometimes a “toad strangler.” The television weather station reported that as much as an inch of rain fell in fifteen minutes. That’s a lot of water!

At our last legislative meeting before Family Reunion Festival on May 28, the Tribal diabetes and Healthy Heart initiatives were brought up regarding the availability of these programs widened to our membership. As a diagnosed borderline Type 2 diabetic and a quadruple heart bypass patient, these two programs are of great interest to me, as

I am sure they are to many of our CPN members.

Some facts that may be of interest showing how important these issues are include the following:

- As of 2010, Native Americans and Alaskan Natives were 2.3 times more likely to be diagnosed with diabetes.
- Native youths aged 10 to 19 were nine times more likely to be diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes than non-Hispanic whites.
- The death rate for Native

American and Alaskan Natives due to diabetes was 1.6 times higher than the general U.S. population.

- The incidence of kidney failure due to diabetes in American Indians compared to the general U.S. population was 1.9 times higher.
- People diagnosed with diabetes have a medical expenditure 2.3 times higher than those without diabetes.

I believe if we start educating our young people now we can change those statistics.

Yes Chairman Barrett, I believe our entire membership could benefit from a diabetes and Healthy Heart initiative, perhaps from a weekly program available to all our members via the Internet. When I say entire, I mean nationwide. I for one hope we can make this happen. There are two things I know from experience that will be a part of these programs, that’s diet and exercise so let’s start now – watch what we eat and get moving!

Igwien, (heartfelt thanks) Netagtege (always planting) Roy



District 2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho nikanek/Hello friends,

District 2 News.

Georgia: Our family meeting outside Atlanta just concluded, and what a great day we all had. About 40 of us gathered on a local restaurant’s patio, and with the help of my husband Alan Cohen, who is skilled in all things IT, the new portable mic we brought along worked great – it’s a challenge hauling my suitcase full of equipment to the meetings but when it all works seamlessly it



Don Allison, Wisest in Norcross Georgia.

is great! Attendees shared family histories in stories and photos, cousins met for the first time with much excitement, and we ate well and laughed a lot. Don

Allison, 81 years wise and a Bourbonnais, was honored with a Pendleton blanket in The Tree of Life pattern, and shared some memories of his mother in response, gifting us all with his storytelling skills and experiences. Young Zackery Imus, a Nadeau, was honored as our youngest attendee, and looked quite sharp with his Big Dipper blanket over one shoulder. Zackery’s mother Tonya Imus was awarded a Pendleton travel bag, as our farthest travelled. For some families this was their first ever Potawatomi event and I couldn’t have been happier to share information and family stories and traditions with them. Migwetch to all who attended, and to Anne and Fred Richards, my sister- and brother-in-law, who travelled to the meeting from west Georgia and were a gracious presence and help, along with Alan, throughout. I’ve included photos in this column; more are on Facebook, through <http://tinyurl.com/CPND2Ga> and



Super Zackery Imus in Norcross Georgia.

posted to my website under the ‘Photos’ tab.

District of Columbia: At the suggestion of Dr. Kelli Mosteller, our Cultural Heritage Center director, I attended the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association seventh annual meeting held in Washington, D.C. on June 5. I participated in a roundtable on gender issues and was highly impressed with the scholarship and compelling presence of the Native academicians with whom I interacted. Many academic presses were displaying current books and offering “deals”, so I added several books to the District 2 library, including “Jacksonland: President Andrew Jackson, Cherokee Chief John Ross, and A Great American Land Grab,” by Steve Inskeep, and “Black Robe,” by Brian Moore. I also picked up Vine

Deloria, Jr.’s book “Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto,” while in Atlanta. All the books in the library are listed under the ‘Services’ tab on my website and are available for loan via mail or in person visit, if you are in the D.C. metropolitan area. Please let me know if you want to borrow one or more.

Please contact me for any assistance you might need or to talk – I value our interactions.

Migwetch/thank you for the honor of representing you. Bama pi/until later.

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Tonya Imus, Farthest Travelled in Norcross.



District 3 - Bob Whistler

Bozho Nikanek (Hello friends)

We are in that time of year where our children are out of school for the summer, and we need to remind ourselves about safety during the summer months. When my own children were preschool age, and when our only granddaughter came to visit and we had a swimming pool, I added an additional and very inexpensive lock to each of our doors to the outside. The locking device is a simple hinge that drops into its own slot and firmly locks the door closed. It is installed about six inches from the top of the door. It flips open easily to be released and is out of reach for a child under the age of about six. To the right are photos of the lock installed in the door jamb and the door in the open and engaged (closed) positions. This is a very inexpensive item that will keep a young child from getting outside and exposed to dangers such as swimming pools or being on the street alone. I recently saw on the news that a three year old got out of the house in the middle of the night and was walking across a street while the parents were asleep. Had this little hinge lock been in use it would not have happened. The tools needed to install this lock area wood chisel, a hammer, and screw driver. Time to install would be under 30 minutes and the

cost for one of the door flip locks at ACE Hardware is less than \$4.

For those of you that attended Family Festival, I hope you had the opportunity to visit the new shooting facility that is owned by a Tribal member. This is our first venture into leasing property to an outside enterprise. The new business allows for firearm and bow and arrow practice. It is a great way to teach our children the proper handling of firearms as well as the bow and arrow. While we need to teach them how to properly handle a firearm, we also need to teach them that guns are not toys. The National Rifle Association has created a cartoon character program that so far has reached over 28 million children. I have looked at the program and found it was good because in addition to the video, the program contains support games that can be used to reinforce the message. This is a program that every child should see. So here is the computer link to view the program: www.eddieeagle.com.

In our culture, the eagle is very important and I found it ironic that it was chosen as the messenger for this excellent message on safety.

As July comes to an end and August begins, it will be time to start shopping for back to school clothes for the kids. For those of you that don't know me very well, I have a business where I deal with apparel as well as other items. For my clients, I offer the service of providing samples from my suppliers for their viewing as well as to be used to find the exact correct size for their staff. This is really no different than when you go to the store

and try on garments. When I return the samples as well as when stores return the garments from the trying on room to the sales rack, those garments are all ultimately sold. The garments at times are repined, tissue replaced, and put back in the original plastic sleeve. Ironically they look brand new like they have never been out of the package. This is not intentional deception, but meant to limit potential soilage. The point to be made is to ask yourself, is there a safety issue here and the answer is possibly "yes."

So, it is recommended that when you buy any garment, it needs to be washed or cleaned before being worn. While the potential is not great, you never know if someone with a rash, or disease such as scabies, a fungus or ticks, has tried on that garment and it is possibly infected. A good washing ensures that your own health and well being is not accidentally compromised. I know that the potential here is minimal at best, but to me it is just another area of safety that we need to think about.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer season and plan in the next couple of months to hold a few area meetings. I would like to hear from those of you in the southern part of the state to determine if Austin or College Station would be a good meeting location. So send me an email advising your thoughts.

In closing, I again want to say how proud and honored I am to be your representative for District 3. If you feel I can assist you with some area with the Nation, either write me or give me a call. Listed below are my various



Flip lock engaged and door locked shut.



Flip lock installed.

telephone contacts, any one of which is yours to use to reach me. So until next month,	112 Bedford Road, Ste 116 Bedford, TX 76022
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District 4 - Jon Boursaw

Rather than fill my column this month with words trying to describe some of the events I was involved with it during the month of May, I thought I would use a series of photos instead.

Just a bit of information, we will have a District 4 meeting in the CPN Community Center in Rossville on September 19, 2015.

If you are not receiving my e-mails either I do not have your e-mail address or what I have is not current or is incorrect. If you want to be added to my list of e-mail addresses simply e-mail me at jon.boursaw@potawatomi.org.

As always, it is my pleasure to serve as your Legislative Representative.

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In photo from right to left are Tom Ellis (historian and author of Potawatomi Uniontown Lament), Lee Kreutzer (National Park Service) and I at the Uniontown Cemetery during Lee's visit to Topeka in May. She was interested in determining the possible routes of the Oregon Trail across Shawnee County from Topeka to the Kansas River crossings at Uniontown (now Willard). Two objectives she would like to see implemented by the National Park Service are more directional signs on the Trail and the use of signage to tell the history of a particular site or event on the Trail, such as Uniontown. After visiting the cemetery we joined a group of Tribal elders at the CPN Community Center in Rossville for their monthly potluck luncheon. Lee had an excellent exchange with the CPN members regarding her proposed ideas for the Oregon Trail.



Former Senator Bob Dole was honored in May at the Combat Air Museum in Topeka. I had the pleasure of speaking with him for a few minutes during which we discussed briefly our experiences while being stationed in Italy. Obviously there was a world of difference between what he experienced while in combat in the mountains of Northern Italy in 1945 and what I experienced at Aviano Air Base in 1983-84.



This picture is of my brother, Lyman, Roy Slavin, District 1 Representative, and I at the luncheon prior to the Massing of Colors at the Great Overland Station in Topeka on Memorial Day. Following the luncheon we participated in The Massing of Colors as the CPN Color Guard. The Massing of Colors consisted of 30 color guard units from the greater Topeka area with over 140 participants. Over 700 veterans and their family members were treated to a free BBQ lunch prior to the event.



Who needs a laptop and projector to give a presentation? I gave the CPN history presentation at Bill Brethour's ranch on Memorial Day to a group of 40 of his friends and family. Bill's ranch is just east of Maple Hill and is the location of Jude Bourassa's home site and grist mill on Mill Creek (circa 1850).



District 5 - Gene Lambert

all these years.

The growth and change brings the thoughts of how much we have to be thankful for. Our leadership has created a path and journey only we as Potawatomi can experience. This isn't about other communities although we support their heritage as well as our own. Our traditions are *our* traditions!

I remember the first time I saw Chairman John Barrett at an Arizona meeting. This was the 1980s as I recall. It was a sense of pride to be there and talk to other members for the first time.

My education up to that point had been little or none regarding Native ways. I was taught not to tell anyone that I had Native American

heritage, as it could be detrimental regarding the prejudices at that time. After all we were a minority. Chairman talked about how we were family and we all belonged. There was no blood degree involved. As he said then and still says today, "You can't be an arm or a leg Potawatomi. You either are or you are not...This is something created by the government and it was never our way and will never be!"

The membership is generational and the chain can never be broken. If you have not registered your children or grandchildren, I highly recommend you do so. Let them make that choice of belonging or not. If you do not register them there will not be an option to choose.

My son came to the Festival a couple years back and stated, "I feel a lot more Tribal after being there." He participated and listened to our chairman as he spoke about the unity we stand for. He brought my granddaughter and she danced all night at the Grand Entry and powwow. Never missed a beat and didn't stop all night long. It is in your blood.

Listening to many of our members, we are reluctant to go to Shawnee, Okla., for the Festival out of fear of not belonging. Many say "I won't know what to do," but I can't say this enough, if you are enrolled *you belong*.

Attending just once will ignite the fire in you and awaken the bloodline you share. It is a family affair

with so much going on and you can participate in the events you choose. You can sit back and quietly observe, if you are not certain of your comfort zone. Though you won't for too long.

There is much to learn just being there.

I promise you an unprecedented experience.

Stay in touch and let me know how you are doing.

Your legislator and friend,

Eunice Imogene Lambert (Gene)
District 5

This time, the memory of the past 16 years with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation was overwhelming. Seeing the generations develop and the growth of the Nation has been a heartwarming and growing time for me. I thank each and every one of you for allowing me to serve you



District 6 - Rande K. Payne

Ahau Jayek,

The year is 2015. In Clovis, Calif. a Native American student is granted permission to display an eagle feather, given to him by his father, at his high school graduation ceremony. But it was after the school reached an agreement with the American Civil Liberties Union after a lawsuit was filed in state court.

The year is still 2015 but the

location is Tulsa, Okla. There, a federal judge ruled that a student could not display her eagle feather during her high school graduation ceremony.

Obviously we live in the land of the free when you see a muscle bound man covered in a multitude of vulgar tattoos wearing a sleeveless shirt that says "Fight, F*** or Get Drunk – Let Me Know Which One You Want To Do" And the "F***" is spelled out! Yet, high school students are not free to express themselves in a tasteful and culturally significant way at their high school graduation. We're not talking fashion statements here! Do we not include eagle feathers in nearly all of our ceremonies? Is the eagle feather not a symbol of pride, honor, respect or significant

achievement? Land of the free; did I say that?

It's troubling to me that we're in state and federal courts fighting for the freedom to wear eagle feathers at high school graduations. Shouldn't that be way behind us by now? I get that we're trying to create unity among our students and keep the graduation ceremony honorable and meaningful for everyone. But it seems that it's more about uniformity than anything else... just my opinion.

By the way, the Clovis student had half his high school class wanting to take their picture with him after graduation. It should also be noted that this student struggled in his freshman and sophomore years. His

determination to succeed and to advocate for what he believed was right is to be respected and admired... just my opinion. Hopefully, many of these students will be the law makers of the future. I think they get it!

I would like to congratulate all of our CPN 2014-15 graduates, many of whom were recognized in the May and June editions of the Hownikan. One Tribal member amongst those proud graduates is Gabriel Isaiah Munoz, a descendent of the Lazelle and Goodman families who now holds a BS in Liberal Arts from California State University, Long Beach. Congratulations to him and all of our graduates from the 2014 winter and 2015 spring sessions!

I would also like to wish all our dads a belated Happy Father's Day! All for this time, I'm off to the hospital where my daughter Melissa is about to give birth to my grandson Kade Cecil Sandoval!

"Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master." Ephesians 6:4 MSG

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District 7 - Mark Johnson

financing to Native American and Alaskan Native tribal members. Section 184 home loans are guaranteed 100 percent by the Office of Loan Guarantee within HUD's Office of Native American Programs.

This guarantee encourages national and local banks to provide mortgage loans to Native Americans. The Office of Loan Guarantee works with a national network of lenders to increase Native access to home financing and to improve the value of Native investments.

Why Should I Use the Section 184 Loan?

There are many advantages to using a Section 184:

- **Low Down Payment:** 2.25 percent on loans over \$50,000 and only 1.25 percent on loans under \$50,000.
- **Low Interest Rates:** based on market rates, not on applicant's credit scores.

- **Manual Underwriting:** The program utilizes a hands-on approach to underwriting and approval opposed to automated decision-making tools.

- **Growing National Network of Approved Lenders:** The network of approved lenders includes national companies and local banks to suit your needs. The lenders have also been trained on the unique circumstances of Native homeownership.

- **Section 184 Upfront Loan Guarantee Fee and Annual Mortgage Insurance:** A one-time 1.5 percent up-front guarantee fee is paid at closing and can be financed into the loan. In addition, loans with a value of 78 percent or greater will be subject to an annual .15 percent mortgage insurance premium.

- **Protection from predatory lending:** The program monitors the fees that approved lenders can

charge Native borrowers. Section 184 loans cannot be used for Adjustable Rate Mortgages (ARMs). The staff understands the unique circumstances associated with lending on Native lands and will work with borrowers to achieve home ownership and to avoid default and foreclosure.

What Can I use the Section 184 Loan for?

You can use the Section 184 Loan to:

- **Purchase an Existing Home**
- **Construct a New Home** (Site-Built or Manufactured Homes on permanent foundations)
- **Rehabilitate a Home,** including weatherization
- **Purchase and Rehabilitate a Home**
- **Refinance a Home** (Rate and Term, Streamline, Cash Out)

Section 184 loans can only be used for single family homes and for a primary residence. Since 184 strives to increase homeownership to all Native communities, the guarantee funds are reserved for primary residences rather than second or investment properties.

Once again I would like to say what an honor and privilege it is to serve you as your District 7 representative. As always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to.

Migwetch / Thank You,
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Bozho nikanek / Hello Friends,

I get asked from time to time about assistance for home buying or refinancing. A HUD Section 184 Loan is available in every county in California, Nevada and Hawaii. It may be what you are looking for and can be used with the onetime grant of \$2,125. It is available from the CPN Housing Authority for closing costs and down payments. More information is available at www.HUD.gov.

What is the Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program?

The Section 184 Loan Program was designed to provide access to mortgage

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Bozho, Nikan!

I hope you are enjoying the beginning of summer and all that it has to offer. The members of District 8 are fortunate to live in an area of seemingly boundless beauty. Ocean coastline, incredible mountain ranges, lakes and

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forests – it seems like the recreational possibilities never end.

As I’m planning our district gathering in Anchorage for August, I have spoken to friends about this kind of travel for the Tribe. It is sometimes hard to explain to non-members that we are the ninth largest tribe in the U.S. and are scattered about all fifty states. Of the 31,000 of us, about half are located outside of Oklahoma and we all have our own story of how we got to our current homes. I never tire of hearing about families coming out west during the Great Depression and Dust Bowl. From Indiana

to our reservations in Kansas and Oklahoma, we have just continued moving to provide and take care of our families.

At our May 9, naming ceremony in Beaverton, Ore., we talked about how each participant had come to live in the Pacific Northwest. For example Ola Mitchell, decided to relocate to Oregon after being stationed here in the military. Subsequently, his family made it their home as well. My wife and I relocated to Washington State 16 years ago from the San Francisco Bay area, looking for a quieter place to raise our family.

This week I learned that the DeWitt family in our district will be moving to Kentucky for a job opportunity. Ed and Crystal (and their children) have been regular attendees at District 8 festivities over the years. Ed had even done some craft instruction, showing members how to make medicine bags from elk hide and sinew. The DeWitts will be missed in District 8, but will be a welcome addition to District 2, represented by my sister, Eva Marie Carney.

Please mark your calendars for a Tribal area gathering on August 15 in Anchorage, Alaska. We will meet for

dinner, presentations and fellowship at the Lidia Selkregg Chalet, 1600 Lidia Selkregg Lane – in Anchorage. Look for postcards in the mail and please be sure to RSVP.

Duwamish Longhouse in Seattle has been selected for our annual Fall Feast. This event will be the evening of November 14, 2015, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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Bozho Nikanek,

I write to you today about an issue that impacts my work as an elected Representative in the Oklahoma State Legislature, but also one which impacts us as Native Americans.

In the 2015 Oklahoma State Legislature, I authored House

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Resolution 1026 with 26 of my fellow representatives. The resolution passed unanimously in the house of 101 members.

In short, the resolution’s introduction directed “the University of Oklahoma and the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art to conduct provenance research on objects in the collection and prior to acquisition of certain objects; directing certain resolution regarding objects unlawfully appropriated during the Nazi era; and directing distribution.”

The resolution puts the Oklahoma House of Representatives on the

right side of history, and encourages the University of Oklahoma and its President, David Boren, to do the right and moral thing by returning art stolen by the Nazis to their rightful owners. The university and its institutions currently own such pieces.

Behind this specific legislative was a push to make sure our publicly funded institutions and other museums do their due diligence in researching the pieces gifted to them or that they may purchase. This is also important when it comes to Native American-produced or owned art.

For many Native American

artists and tribes forced from their ancestral lands in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, pieces of art and artifacts of historical significance rightfully belonging to Native American descendants can end up in museums and galleries without any recompense.

There is a role for museums and art galleries to host items of important historical and cultural significance. Yet it must be done in the right way and with the full knowledge that the items’ rightful owners have been consulted and comply with their property being shown.

These are not easy situations to deal with, but as stewards of our shared history and culture, institutions like museums must do the just and moral thing.

In lighter news, the 2015 Family Festival at the end of June was spectacular. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many of my fellow Potawatomi. I was thankful for our Nation’s employees and their dedication to making the Festival a great success.

Migwetch,
Paul Wesselhöft
Representative
Oklahoma, District 9



Bozho,

The Midlife Crisis.

An often dreaded period of time that conjures up images of a Harley-mounted silver-haired 50-something man (or woman) riding off into the sunset with a younger partner. That’s the stereotype, but obviously not everyone of a certain age runs out and has an affair or purchases a new sports car.

Studies do show that at least a third of men in their 40s and 50s admit to forking out big bucks on a new car as a result of a midlife crisis. Some women admit to getting Botox or making some kind of drastic change to their appearance during this transitional period,

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usually between the ages of 35 and 44.

Midlife can be a time for exploration,transitioning and transformation. However, many people fail to see it in a positive manner, choosing instead to dwell on the fact that they are in the last few decades of their lives. Thus they try to regain their youth.

What are some of the signs? You may panic about your health issues or ask yourself, “Is this all there is?”, “What about what I need?”, “Who am I anymore?,” “Why put my life off any longer?”

Many will start comparing your lives to your more successful friends and younger co-workers.

Appreciate your situation. No one’s life is perfect, right? Enjoy your kids, your freedom...whatever it is that you like. Find a hobby or something you like doing, find a way to help those who are less fortunate, adopt an elderly couple who may need your help around their home, get more active in

your church. Know that you’re not the only one who experiences this.

Improve your health. Many of us “freak out” because of the possibility of savings-draining health issues. The better your health is now, the less likely you will experience such catastrophes later. I didn’t mention it earlier but another sign you might be going through mid life crisis is if you start wanting to loose weight and get in shape and go clubbing. There is nothing wrong with wanting to feel better, lose weight, look younger and be more energized by cultivating healthier habits.

On coping with a partner’s midlife crisis, don’t be judgmental, remain calm, respect the other one’s fear and pay attention. Those who have a hard time with this transitional stage might experience a range of feelings such as unhappiness with life and the lifestyle that may have provided them with happiness for many years. Sometimes they are bored with people and things that

may have been of interest to them before. This may lead to them feeling for a need for adventure and change.

Others may question the choices they have made in their lives and the validity of decisions made many years before. This can also manifest itself as confusion about who they are and where they are going and can occasionally result in anger directed at their spouses, whom they blame for feeling tied down.

They may also feel unable to make decisions about where they want to go with their life and even doubt that they ever loved their spouse. At worst this can lead to a desire for a new and passionate, intimate relationship.

If a person lacks understanding of the process, he or she may find themselves making irrational decisions they may later regret such as leaving a job, divorcing their spouse and throwing away the security they built during the first part of their life.

It doesn’t matter who you are or where you live. All of us will experience drastic changes as we age. What’s important is how we handle those changes. If at any time, you feel depressed, consult a health professional. Our Tribal Behavioral Health Services can be of great service in this regard, and can be reached by calling 405-214-5101 or visiting <http://www.potawatomi.org/services/health/clinics>.

It goes without saying it is an honor and privilege of serving you and our great Nation. Hope all of you who attended this year Festival had a great time.

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Teresa Lane Compton



Teresa Lane Compton, of McAlester, Okla. died Saturday, May 23, 2015 at her home.

Memorial services were held at Chaney's Memorial Chapel with the Rev. James Crowson officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Chaney-Harkins Funeral Home of McAlester.

Born Nov. 1, 1946, in McAlester, she was the daughter of Ernest and Ezma (Cannon) Schoemann. She grew up on Harrison Street and graduated from McAlester High School in 1964. She then attended beauty school in Muskogee and worked as a cosmetologist in McAlester for nearly 50 years. She was an award winning stylist, devoted friend, and supporter to many in the McAlester community.

She married Leonard Compton on Sept. 30, 1966, in McAlester, and they resided in both North McAlester and the Frink Chambers community.

She was an avid booster of the Frink-Chambers, Savanna, and McAlester schools and their 4-H, FFA and sports programs. She took great pride in her work and making people look beautiful.

As an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe, she enjoyed attending the annual Family Reunion Festivals. She was a member of Central Christian Church and always looked forward to her Bible study group.

Survivors include her husband, Leonard, of the home; children, Grover Compton and wife, Sandy, of McAlester, Daina Kelley, Ozark, Mo., Steffani Lincecum and husband David, Madison, Wis., and Ashley Lerblance and husband, David, of McAlester.

Also surviving are grandchildren, Kevin Seagraves and wife, Nikki, Kaysha Kent and husband, Josh, Zoe Lincecum, Tess Lincecum, Lexie Lerblance and Zach Lerblance; great-grandchildren, Zeffie Kent and Zaddie Kent; sister, Donna Price and husband, Sam, McKinney, Texas; brother, John Schoemann, of Oklahoma.

And, nieces and nephews, Charlie Price and wife, Tabitha, Allen, Texas, Kim Davenport and husband, Michael, Sachse, Texas, Justin Price and wife, Shayla, Princeton, Texas, Stephen Schoemann, of Oklahoma, John Schoemann Jr., Miami, Florida, and Paige Lewis, of Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Ezma Schoemann, and son-in-law, Tyke Kelley.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Teresa Lane Compton Memorial Wig Closet or the W.E. Allford Memorial Fund at McAlester Regional Health Center Foundation.

Howard David Laughton



Howard David Laughton passed away peacefully at his home April 15, 2015, surrounded by his family.

Howard was born on Sept. 12, 1935 to David Lee and Opal Laughton in Pawnee, Okla. Howard spent his early years in Pawnee, but his family moved to Kansas City when he was nine. Even though his parents eventually moved back to Pawnee, Howard decided to stay in Kansas City where he met the love of his life, Myrtle Wiard. Howard and Myrtle were married on Feb. 19, 1957. They were married 57 years until her passing in 2014.

Howard was a truck driver by profession, which took him all over the country. This fueled his passion for traveling. Each year he made sure his family took some sort of trip, no matter how long or short. The two things he loved most were traveling and spending time with his family. One of the best trips was akin to the Griswalds' pilgrimage to Wally World. He and his family trekked from Kansas City to Anaheim to see the world's most famous mouse. There were many life time experiences along the way, which bonded the family closer together.

Howard was a prankster; he was always trying to make people laugh. One of his ongoing jokes was to yell out "Sam" any time someone came through the door. He knew full well that Sam was not walking through

the door, but he loved antagonizing people.

Howard was preceded in death by his mother, father, sister and wife. He is survived by his three children; Vera Grider, Vicki Laughton and Howard Laughton II, his five grandchildren: Sam, Sara, Emily, Nikki, Molly and one great-granddaughter Shamma.

Anthony T. "Tony" LeClaire



Anthony T. "Tony" LeClaire of Bakersfield, Calif. has peacefully walked on. He was 88 years young. Tony is survived by his children Tony Jr., Paul, Tim and daughter Tina Tiner along with eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Martha and son Mike.

Tony was born in Bartlesville, Okla. to Daniel LeClair and Sara Ann (Delonais) LeClair. He attended school in Bartlesville, graduating early, and then was accepted to the Merchant Marine Cadet Academy in San Francisco, Calif. After graduating from the academy, he worked as a Merchant Marine from 1946 until 1958 starting as an Able Bodied Seaman with promotions to officer rank. During this time he also served two years active military duty in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was married to Martha from 1955 to until her passing in 1983.

Leaving his love for the sea behind, he became a land surveyor and worked for various private firms and municipalities in southern California, helping to create many of the communities that exist today. Some things you would say about his character and personality where that he was a giver, a patriot, a democrat, a good citizen and proud of his Potawatomi roots. He had a passion for knowledge, was a seeker of the truth, a spiritual person, a well-read scholar with a commanding vocabulary and a quick wit. He was a great cook who sang and whistled when he was happy and was passionate in his beliefs. He protected and provided for his family and is a role model to us all. He is sadly missed by all of us, but lives on

within us as we benefit daily from the solid values, good natured demeanor and perseverance he taught us.

Tony was cremated and laid to rest at the Good Shepherd Cemetery joining wife Martha and son Mike at the families site. Additionally, he was given a ceremony at sea off the coast of Newport Beach, Calif., which was a fitting farewell for this lover of the sea and former Merchant Marine. Rest peacefully oh dear sweet soul and may your eternity be filled with great answers to your wonderful questions.

Virginia Lee Willmette



Virginia Lee Willmette was called to her Heavenly home on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the age of 80. The daughter of Louis Leo and Hazel Christine (Trombla) Willmette, Virginia was born April 22, 1935 in Shawnee, Okla.

After several years of dedicated service, Virginia retired from Tinker Air Force Base. Virginia was a devout Catholic and charter member of St. James the Greater Catholic Church of Oklahoma City and she was also a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe of Shawnee.

In her spare time, she enjoyed bowling, dancing, music, sports, crafting and spending time with her family and friends.

In 1967, Virginia met her life partner, Barbara Kay Calhoun, and together, they raised a loving family; Dianna Cox, Paul Calhoun, Dorothy Calhoun and granddaughter Genevieve Calhoun. Virginia was preceded in death by her parents; her life partner of 45 years, Barbara Kay Calhoun; two sisters, Helen Louise Hensley and Loretta Jane Rard; Brother, Louis Joseph Willmette.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Linda Stebbins, LaNora Jean Richard, Rusty Hensley, Lisa Brewer, Lori Moore, Richard Rard and Christi Thomas; her children, Dianna, Paul and Dorothy; her granddaughter, Genevieve Calhoun and numerous great-nieces, great-nephews and friends.

Services were April 28, 2015 at the South Colonial Chapel with interment at Calvary Cemetery in Shawnee.

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Mary Margaret Fair 91, widow of Lt. Col Don F. Fair, died Friday, May 8, 2015 in Boca Raton, Fla.

Born in Okmulgee, Okla., she was the daughter of the late Clarence W. Laub and Helen DeGraffe Laub. Mrs. Fair and her family came to Sumter in the mid-1960s when Don was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base. They made their home in Sumter for more than 30 years. Mrs. Fair was a former member of St. Anne's Catholic Church, was very active in the St. Anne's Women's Club and the Sumter Garden Club. She loved gardening and going to the South Carolina Gamecock Football games with her family.

After Don died, Mrs. Fair moved to Laurel Crest in West Columbia where she enjoyed independent living and her view of the Saluda River. She kept binoculars close by to view the wild life, especially the eagle she came to call her own, as well as all the other river activity. She wintered in Boca Raton and delighted in the cultural activities and wildlife of south Florida.

Mrs. Fair was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Shawnee, Okla. and was extremely proud of her Native American heritage. She was quite a lady, well-loved and will be sorely missed.

Surviving are her children Michael L. Fair (Martene) of Sierpe, Costa Rica and Fairfield, Penn.; Barbara Fair Little (John) of Boca Raton, Beverly Fair Coker (Joseph/Beau) of Alpharetta, Ga., Gina Fair White (Jim) of Irmo, S.C., and Charlotte Fair Baker (Doug) of Lexington, S.C.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Don in 1997. Memorial Mass was held at St. Peters Catholic Church, Columbia, May 12. Funeral Mass was held at St Anne's Catholic Church, Sumter, S.C. on May 14 with burial following at St. Lawrence Cemetery. Pallbearers were Phillip (Jody) Strange, Donald (Adam) Baker, Donald Huggins, Kurt Welday, Will Epps, Nathan Worthan.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com. Online donations may be sent to St. Peters Catholic Church at St Peters Giving, or to the USO. Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad Street, Sumter is in charge of the arrangements (803) 775-9386. See more at: tinyurl.com/MaryFair



Graveside services for Adele Blair Kreager, 87, of Sherman, Texas were be held April 10, 2015 at the Cedarlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Sherman.

She passed away on Monday, April 6, 2015 at the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Plano.

Adele was born October 6, 1927 in what is now Borger, Texas to Kirk Lewis Blair and Ruth Raney Blair. She lived in Arp, Texas until the age of fourteen, when the family moved to Sherman. Adele graduated from Sherman High School at the age of sixteen and enlisted with the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, graduating from Wilson N. Jones nursing school. There she worked for many years as a charge nurse on the medical and surgical floor. She was a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi, Xi Theta Delta Chapter, and held various officer positions as well as Girl of the Year awards. Adele volunteered with Camp Fire Girls as a Blue Bird Leader, remembering each girl in her group and always happy to hear news of them. She also was active in P.T.A. while her daughter was in school. In 1981, she and her husband bought the remaining half of Kreager's Feed Store. She helped out at the store until Karl and her sold the business to retire.

Adele comes from a family rich in history, and she was always proud to tell you of her ancestry. She was an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and came from the Kahdot family. Her great-grandfather, Kah Dot, was among many signers for various treaties with the United States and the Potawatomi. Another great-grandfather fought for the U.S. against the Indians; while her grandfathers fought in the Civil War. Her mother rode side saddle as a young school teacher, and her father was the first man from Dallas called to duty for World War I.

Adele is preceded by husband, Karl,

parents Kirk and Ruth Blair, brothers Kent Lewis Blair and Robert Raney Blair, sister Ruth Blair Meredith and nephew Kirk Lewis. She is survived by daughter Karin and husband Rocky Watkins of Sherman, granddaughter Kari Kate Watkins also of Sherman, step-grandson Matthew Watkins of Austin, Step-granddaughter Ashley Watkins of Tucson, Ariz., sister Marjie Hobdy and husband Ernest of Irving, Texas, nephews Hayden Meredith, Jr. and wife Pam, Kent Blair Lewis and wife Audrey, Davis Hobdy and partner Ken Armstrong, nieces Kati Lewis of Midland, Susan Wesley of Grand Prairie, and Becky Meredith Moriak and husband Randy of Bedford. She also had the pleasure of being a great aunt to many nieces and nephews.

The family received friends April 10, 2015 at Waldo Funeral Home. The online register book may be signed at www.waldofuneralhome.com



Carole DeAnne "Dede" Melton passed away on April 11, 2015 surrounded by her loving family. She died of complications due to a heart attack. Dede was born in Fort Sill, Okla. on August 13, 1955 to Madge and Raymond Shanks. They moved to Carthage, MO in 1972 where Dede attended Carthage Senior High School, after graduation she held waitressing jobs before becoming an assistant manager at Braum's Ice Cream parlor.

She married Rusty Melton on November 22, 2003. She was a lifetime member of the V.F.W ladies auxiliary. She was a member of the Potawatomi Indian tribe of Shawnee Okla. Dede enjoyed bingo with mom, going to the casino with dad and spending time with her grandkids. She was a sweet, gentle soul and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Dede is survived by her husband Rusty Melton, her father Raymond Shanks, her sons Chris Maggard (Tina) of Carthage, and Aaron Alton of La., her sisters Debbie (Jim) Chittenden of Ames, Iowa, and Donna Thomas of Carthage, her brothers Dale Shanks of Orange, Texas and David Shanks of Branson, Mo., eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother Madge Shanks, her brother Dennis Shanks and her son Dustin Alton. Online condolences can be made at www.ulmerfh.com. Contributions can be made to the Wounded Warriors in care of Ulmer Funeral Home. Graveside services were April 15, 2015 at Park Cemetery in Carthage. Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.



Bob, as he was known by his family and friends, was born December 14, 1927 to Davis and Honor Anderson in Choctaw, Okla. He was the youngest of five boys.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years Dolores and his six sons and one daughter. He is also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and his brother Gene Anderson.

Bob moved to California in 1946. He started his own tile business and won awards for his craftsmanship and the respect and trust of all those he did business with.

Bob met Dolores in 1956 and they were married in 1958. "Modgie and Dad," their nicknames for each other, were truly devoted to each other and the best of friends.

Bob kept his integrity and loyalty to Jehovah to the very end, setting a wonderful example for all of us. We can't wait to see him again in the wonderful paradise earth that Jehovah has promised us.

CPN burial assistance through Tribal Rolls

The \$2,000 CPN Burial Assistance Fund is automatically available to all enrolled CPN members. You may fill out a burial assistance fund form if you would like for us to keep it on file in case of any change in resolutions.

Please note: Once a CPN Tribal member has passed, the Tribal Rolls office must

be notified in order for CPN to provide burial funding. Information and instructions for the burial process will be sent to the next of kin and will be discussed then.

For more information please call Kaleigh Coots at 405-878-5830 or email Kaleigh.coots@potawatomi.org.